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Jan'y 4-1906.

My dear Miss Selay:

You will be surprised to receive so soon a letter from me, having received yesterday yours of the 30th ultimo. In the same mail with yours came one from Mrs. Henry, which I will enclose, its contents will surprise you. How she will bear the sorrow that will come to her, I cannot tell. What comfort will she have without her God, her Bible and the prayers she could receive so much comfort from. I often think that her mind must be affected. She sent me the pamphlet on Marriage & Divorce, which I will send to you. It seems, as she says to have given her something to occupy her mind. Her married life has been a happy one with such a good husband as Captain Henry. The Lord knows what each person can bear in this life. Mr + I enjoyed your letter very much. You can do the work and speaking as well as any one. I do wish I could be with you, have wished often to do so. I can hardly imagine that Mrs. Bennetts youngest daughter was married so recently. I have been awfully

long. I cannot realize that she is old enough to be married,
but she was 14 the last time I was at Mrs Bennett's.
The children will marry and leave the home.
Am quiet for Mr & Mrs Bennett; but pleasant to
have the children come home.

Thank you Miss Clay for feeling that I belong still
to Kentucky in the suffrage work. We always did
have a good time together at Frankfort or in your
home when I was always so lovingly received by
your dear mother and yourself.

I did not intend to answer your letter so suddenly,
and I will write again soon. but I was anxious
to have you receive Mrs Heroy's letter, and have
stopped my writing to the Editors so as to send this
at once. Mr Farmer said to be sure to send his
kindest regards to you.

Ever lovingly,

Eugene D. Farmer

Each month I send a copy of these leaflets to the
editors.

July 3, 1906

Copy

From Mrs. McCulloch's letter of June 6, 1906.

There seems to be a wave of desire for new charters all over U.S. I have not solved any definite scheme yet but need a little prodding. I thought perhaps I as Legal Advisor might communicate with Mayors of such cities and Judges telling of the possibilities in Chicago and asking the exact legal situation, whether the new charter could give women municipal suffrage if the people desire and then if the replies are favorable and I find correct on looking up the law get some local friends to start up a campaign and when things wake up a little get Miss Shaw for a mass meeting. We might at last do this much even if the case were almost helpless. It would give us a little excuse for venturing in and might make more local interest than as though our speakers had not come in relation to a local issue then pending.

Its all right to concentrate a lot of speakers and money in Oregon whether we win or lose and Washington and California will next be asking our best but we must not let the East or South forget our cause. Some of these cities seeking new charters are South. A city campaign costs little railroad fare and gets big press notices in papers circulating in country districts.

I am really too lazy or busy to get started on the job for really no one could forbid me doing that little, but unless we could follow it up as we did in Wheeling it would not be so valuable.

I have now a mass of testimony from Mayors in five States besides my little book on Illinois Mayors. We have maps to show wherever in the world women vote and a few leaflets. We could give to Mayors a little information at least as to municipal suffrage.

Don't think I am going daft about municipal suffrage for I want as much as ever the 16th. amendment an amendment to every State Constitution but until we get them, humbler work is not to be despised.

I hope you can read this scrawl I am interrupted so often. Catharine has just learned from the nurse to spell "funny" and I have had to stop to conduct the examination. Hathorn too had to show me a new flower and now Frank Jr. must be fed. He is a darling- eight months old and still opposed to artificial food products.

Yours truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

Of course all I could do in this charter work would be to get off the preliminary letters and decide as to the legal situation. The work in the cities and all other and ~~XXXX~~ later correspondence would be too much for me and in your line from Headquarters. Sleep over this a night or a week.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

Warren, Ohio, July 6, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Find enclosed herewith copy of letter from Miss Gordon which she sent to Headquarters to be manifolded and mailed, also copy of a letter from Mrs. Duniway to Mr. and Miss Blackwell, which the latter sent to Headquarters with the request that it be copied for the Business Committee.

Yours very truly,

EJH-J.

E. J. Hansen

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

July 11/1906

Dear Miss Clay:-

I do not know whether you will try to do anything with conventions meeting in Kentucky this summer or not. I dare say that after having been absent from home so long your personal and business affairs require most of your time and attention, but I notice by Russell's Convention Dates that the State Sunday School Association is to meet at Ashland August 21-23, and I thought you might care to try for a resolution from that Association, or at least might like to send a fraternal delegate.

The name of the Secretary is given as
E. A. Fox, Louisville Trust Building, Louisville, Ky.

Cordially yours

Elizabeth J. Hauser

EJH.-R.

Fairfax So Ca

July 22^d 1906

Dear Sister Laura

It was in my heart to write to you this morning, & by this afternoon's mail I see you are at home in Lexington Kentucky - so I hasten to prepare a letter for the early mail tomorrow. I have just had the greatest triumph of my life, in what the papers call "an oration" from the Editor at the Isle of Palms, where I want to meet the Brethren. My address was

reproduced in full in
the News & Courier of
Charleston the morning
after its delivery and
read all over the state.
I am enclosing you a
clipping of it and you
will see how the Golden
Thread of Equal Rights
runs through it. It would
have done your heart
good to see the entire
Diason and delight
with which it was received
and the way I was
"pelted" and made much
of by women and men.
Henry Hill of the News
& Courier said in
arranging a group

of us - Gov Raymond, Mayor
Phill Col Bacon & myself. She
is the greatest of all. The joke
about Col Gadden of the
Consolidated I wish to turn
to a splendid earnest in
the way of another Suffrage
Rally during the session of
the Legislature - you to be
with us - Carry Patt Anna
Shaw - Miss Gordon and

Mr Blackwell Won't you
promise me to come darling
Sister Launt & make Presiden
tial suffrage a certainty
in S. C.?

I am with much love
to the same little Sister
Virginia D. ^{young} Jones
Do you see anything of poor
Josie Henry?

2 Sedan Strasse

Nildesheim, Germany

July 23--1906

My dear Miss Clay,

Mrs. Upton writes
that you wish a date for
your Communion in November -
so far as I can see if

Miss Shan goes to you
during that month - she
would have to make a
special trip to Kentucky

The date I had given
you was October 12 - but
would prefer to change it -

October 11 - and as Mrs. Upton
says you have not made

any plans so far - the
probabilities are that you
can take the 11th grade - as
well - in case you can
take sixth - Miss Shan
does not - now think it will
be well to try to go to
you in November - unless
something comes up while
she does not - now guess.
So please write - at once
to our Tel-Aviv address
whenever - I am to book you
for the 11th of October.

I am glad to hear you
that - Miss Shan is feeling

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Territorial Headquarters, Chickasha, Indian Territory,

July 25-1906.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you very much for the kind words in your letter of the 17th. One can always appreciate those things even if she knows them to be undesired.

Thank you for your offer of assistance. I think there is a plan on foot to call upon you for some help some of these days. Mrs. Upton has a clever scheme by which we hope to reach some of the southern people of our wonderful new state. There are so many, with their old conservative ideas regarding women, in the two territories. I have my southern friends here, and we have quite a good many of them in our suffrage club, but they are mostly the women - they are more progressive.

Thanking you again I am

Sincerely yours
Kate H. Biggers.

Ashland, Ky. July 26
1906

Dear Miss Clay

We were all so sorry that Oregon did not get the ballot for woman, but feel that your labor was not lost, and that it will yet.

I was also very sorry to read of your loss by fire, and hope it was fully insured, and that you have not over worked in superintending the repairs after your long laborious campaign.

Has there been any decision yet as to when and where you will hold the State Convention? When I returned from Baltimore I told the

ladies that Mrs. M. Laughlin
thought that you would like
to have it here, and Mrs.
Eifort had been urging it,
so they voted to ask for it
and our secretary wrote the
State secretary about it - I think,
at least she was directed
to. As we heard no more
about it, we thought that
they were waiting for your
return, but we would
like to know as soon as
it is convenient for you
so we can make our plans
accordingly. in fact I am
afraid that I can not be
here if comes between the
first of Sept and the middle
of Nov. as I expect to be in

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the mountains at that time.
and Mrs. Eifort - hopes to be able
to attend the International and
National W. C. T. U. meetings
Oct. 16 - 31.

So if the date can be in
the last half of November
I think it will suit us.
That is if you decide to have
it here. We are not a strong
organization, but Mrs. Eifort
said there was not a very
large meeting at Livingston
and she thought that we
could entertain the delegates.
I think that several who
have not united with us
would help to do that.

Yours truly

Laura R. White.



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London, England

(OTHER NAMES TO BE ADDED)

My dear Miss Clay,
 Can you give me
 the names of the Presidents of the
 various suffragist societies throughout
 the state of Kentucky? If I could
 have, also, the number of members in
 each society, I should be very glad.
 Thanking you, in advance, believe me,
 Very cordially yours
 Charlotte P. Acer

July 25, 1906.

received July 29.

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Versailles Kentucky

July 30th 1905

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My Dear Mrs Farmer

Your kind letter came on time, and it gave me much pleasure to hear from you as it always does. Your letters seem like an echo from the old days when we worked so hard to better the condition of Ky women. Poor things many of them do not realize their enfeebled position in life, and the majority hug their chains and love the music of their clanking.

You say you do not agree with my last pamphlet, "Woman & the Bible" Why

What is all right. I accord
to every one the right to
think & believe as they please
and I claim & exercise
that right for myself. Truth
is but one. There are as ma-
ny beliefs as there are peo-
-ple on the earth, every one
making in their own mind
their god, and framing their
belief from their rearing
and conditions surround-
-ing them. As no two have
the same god or belief
there may be one human
being that has struck the
truth, I do not claim to be
that one, but if nothing else
my convictions are sincere
and I freely express them

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2.
From the size of my mail
there must be thousands that
are on the same track I am,
In my humble opinion
the Bible is the most brutal
bloody, obscene book ever
printed, and how women
can read it for a mental
or moral uplift I cannot
see, for much of it is too
vile for a good woman or
man to read in private,
One good thing about it, not
one Christian in a million
reads it, they leave that to
the preacher, who selects
what he thinks will take with
his hearers, all for a con-
-sideration, the most of
which depends on women

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3.
My opinion is if God did
write that Bible he should be
ashamed of himself for
presenting horrors, terrors
and obscenities to the human
mind, groping in mystery, a
good guide book would teach
only of the good, noble, hu-
man, and virtuous. The world
today reeking with sin, sen-
suality, dishonesty, and crime
of every phase, is the result
of Bible examples and teach-
ing, one has but to throw aside
their prejudice, and read it
to find the truth of this.

But my thoughts are run-
ning away with my pen on
this vital and fertile sub-
ject, you say it is a pity I
am not connected with the
suffrage cause. Why dear
friend I am a stranger

unfrugal than ever, & do
as much suffrage work as
any woman in the country
but I do it my way, my guide
is my own head & heart, I
could not work with the
sanctified Laura and carry
on a continual prayer meet-
ing, and I everily condemn
the business methods of the
N A W S A, Last year by the
treasurers report \$7,000 was
paid into the National inclu-
ding a \$10,000 bequest \$2,400
was put into the treasury the
year before, yet the begging,
never ceases for convention
expenses, office rent &c, they
beg daily for any thing from
25 cents. Now when does all
the money go? I wrote to
Madam Weston and told
her that the business meth-
-ods of the National at

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 least looked suspicious and
 should be explained, and she
 wrote a very humble letter
 to me, saying she was so sorry
 I thought so, but she did not
 explain, but begged me to
 come back to the National,
 I did not go back and never
 will as long as that ring,
 who pay all their traveling
 and hotel bills, with side
 trips through California,
 Yellowstone Park, Mt
 Hood, Alaska & every where
 else are in power. What has
 become of the \$27,000 no
 suffrage campaign has
 been on, not a single ad-
 vance made, trips to Eu-
 rope & the Pacific coast
 cost money, yet with \$27,000
 paid in last year, the

Portland people & all who
would give were led to the
east meadow to hold a con-
vention of 165 delegates.

These are truths that need
explanation, but it is not
ing to me I do my work in
my way, pay all my own ex-
-pense, and beside for the
privilege of doing it.

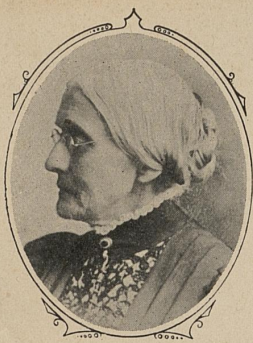
Yes I know Maggie Child-
-der Medeira she is a
life long neighbor of mine,
and a nice lady. she mar-
-ried Kemp Medeira who
died some years ago. I
knew his grandmother Mrs
Izett, and his Aunt Mrs
Hattie Ridgely. I do not
know Kemp Medeira's
brothers or sisters, they never
lived here, I am glad you

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Love Mr Medeira for a
doctor, you can talk of
old Covington. I hope you
& Mr Farmer are well and
enjoying life. I am well but
Capt. Henry's health is not
good I am sorry to say,
My sister Mrs Mac Bride
who lives in New York is
spending the summer with
me. My sister Mamie & daugh-
-ter are travelling in Europe,
& Mac spending the summer in
Canada. Yes I hear from Mrs
Sawyer, she got a life position
in the Census Bureau at Wash-
-ington at \$1000 a year, with
prospect of increase. I am
so glad for her, she has

grown fleshy weight 140
Mrs Sawyer buried her
mother 84 in April. I do not
know anything about Mr
Sawyer she never speaks of
him. The Capt & I will send
best regards to yourself &
Mr Farmer, and wish for
you both only health and
happiness, and hope to
keep in touch with you.

Ever yr friend
Josephine K Henry



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Mrs. William H. Inman
Auburn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Clay, Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter. In trying to erect a memorial to Miss Anthony we feel that every friend and admirer of Miss Anthony's should be asked to contribute, that it should be a memorial of several amounts from the many rather than of large sums from the few, and, with that idea I am writing to the Presidents of the suffrage associations throughout the land. Of course if my friend of Miss Anthony's would simply juggle one dollar the amount could be easily raised and Miss Mary Anthony could see the building erected in her lifetime, but of course there will be those who will feel that they cannot give even that amount. Do you feel that your Secretory Club will care to contribute? In Miss Anthony's own city every one whether she believe in the equality of suffrage or not is interested in helping in this memorial, and of course we ask you, in asking for this cause, to make appeals to every one. I shall await your answer with interest.

Very Sincerely Yours
Charlotte P. Acer.

July 30, 1906.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

July 30th, 1906.

Miss Laura R. White,

Ashland, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura,

I was very glad to hear from you in your letter of the 26th inst.

I have been in Lexington almost all the time since my return; for the fire in my house made repairs necessary in every room, so I decided to make some alterations also, and they have occupied me and probably will take up the rest of the summer. These and other accumulated business have kept me so busy that as yet I have had no time to give to our E.R.A. business, as I find the hot weather debilitates me too much to be very active. I met Mrs. Carpenter on the street, and she told me of the invitation of the Ashland club to hold our E.R.A. convention there. I asked her to call and bring the letter, but she has not yet done so. I thank the Ashland E.R.A. very much for the invitation, and I believe the Ex. Com. will accept it with pleasure, if we can make the dates suitable. I have had some correspondence with Miss Shaw's secretary in regard to the dates she could come to our convention, as I felt sure every one would desire to have her. I wrote that we preferred the time between election day and Thanksgiving; and this might bring it a little earlier than the middle of November. Miss Shaw is now in Europe, and until she returns I am doubtful if she can give us any answer, as we expect a campaign in Oklahoma, now that it is to be admitted as a state, and Miss Shaw expects to devote herself to that as soon as she is needed there. If she can ^{not} come at all, we

could take the exact dates which would suit your E.R.A. the best; but if she could give us a date in November at all, I suppose you all would like to make an effort to have her with us? I wrote that we did not wish any other month than November; and her secretary had already said she might not be able to make engagements for any of the State conventions, on account of the Oklahoma campaign. So that is the way that matter stands. Now that I am at home, I shall put myself in correspondence with our ~~EX/xxx~~ Ex.Com., and the first thing I shall lay before them will be the kind invitation of ~~the~~ Ashland E.R.A.

Please express my thanks to your members for the invitation, which I believe the EX.Committee will accept. I should be very sorry if we cannot arrange the date to suit your convenience to be at home, as I certainly should miss a great pleasure if you are not at our convention, wherever it may be.

Very cordially yours,

of our case to give you the following information and also to
:the... ..
I am sure the Board of
of a
to 181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.
... .. July 31st, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

You may have heard in some indirect way that I have returned to the state, after the Oregon campaign, where our lack of immediate success was a great disappointment to us; alleviated, however, by the fact that we can submit the question again in 1908, by virtue of the Initiative and Referendum law.

During my absence I had a fire in my house in Lexington, burning off the roof and making repairs necessary in every room. I determined to make some alterations while I was at work on it; and these repairs will keep me in Lexington and busy all the summer. So with all the accumulations of business of the year I was absent, I have been forced to neglect my correspondence; but I am so desirous to hear from you, that I determined to find the time to write. I was too migratory to write from Oregon, though I often thought of you, and felt that I would like to send you some items for your Press work. But after January, I was in the field most of the time, and writing was difficult.

I did find time to write to Mrs. Shepard to ask her concerning the accounts which gave you so much trouble; but she is a most wretched correspondent, and I have never heard from her at all. I trust the final settlement was satisfactory to you, as I am sure a little care would straighten out the tangles. I wish you would write me whether you have received money for Press work expenses and salary this convention year. Of course, I ought to apply to Mrs. Shepard for information, but as I wish to know promptly, I am

writing to you, who have the delightful habit of answering at once and in detail. How I wish all our women would acquire that accomplishment!

We have an invitation from the Ashland E.R.A. to hold our annual convention there in November. I have not yet submitted the invitation to a vote of the Ex.Com., but I think it is desirable to meet in that part of the state, and I presume it will be accepted. In fact, as I said, I have not yet taken up the threads of my E.R.A. work; though I am anxious to do so, as fast as I can.

Please remember me to Prof. Obenchain and to the children. I shall hope to hear from you as soon as you find it convenient; and don't measure your letter by this short one, but write fully on the points I ought to be in touch with after my long absence.

Always cordially yours,