

Jan. 1 - 1909 -
Dear Aunt Anna
Miss Sarah Leary
Garland was born
this morning at
4 A. M. a fine 10 lb.
girl. Arthur Sr. was
here. Both are
doing nicely. All
love me in love to
you. Aunt
Charlie.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Laura Clay,
North Mill St.,
Richmond, Ky.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 1, 1909.

My Dear Mrs. Roebuck,

A. Happy New Year to you!

I was very sorry to learn from your card of December the 10th, that you had had a return of the grip; I trust you have now thoroughly recovered. I think you write all the letters required, except the one to President Roosevelt about his message, on which the convention took a vote. I enclose Miss Gordon's letter containing instructions about that. It is properly the corresponding secretary's business to write these letters, though as I remember the convention asked you to do it, and I think you had better do it. If not you will have to send the letter to Mrs. Roark.

Now I am going to write about the big business of the letter which we have on hand, and you may consider the rest of this an executive committee circular. During the last few weeks I have received several letters from Mrs. Catt, in which she urges us to take up the Big Petition work. She has sent a large number of Petition heads and instructions, of which I enclose a copy. In the States where the Associations will not undertake to do the work themselves, Mrs. Catt superintends it from the New York Petition Headquarters; but Kentucky is one of the States, which she wishes to do all the work itself. I have engaged a stenographer to help me for some time; and I have written to Mrs. Catt that we will do all the work if she thinks our facilities are greater than what she can command from her headquarters. I have not had time for an answer to that letter yet, but I have little doubt that she will want us to do it all, and I am going ahead on that presumption without loss of time. She advises that we seek the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, the

Woman's Clubs, and other friendly organizations. The ~~plan~~ I have in my mind is to write to our local E. R. A.'s first, ask what they will do, and suggest that they invite the co-operation of other organizations in their own county.

Where we have no local E. R. A., I think of asking the W. C. T. U. to undertake the work, and where they consent to do so, I will put it in their hands, for the W. C. T. U. has been thoroughly in sympathy with us for years; and the president, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, heartily endorses the Petition. Where there is no W. C. T. U. we shall simply have to get whatever help we can. The Granges and Labor Unions ought to help us a great deal. Please every one of you give me your opinion on this plan at once for we have no time to lose.

As each one of you represent a local E. R. A. each should call a special meeting of it at once to decide what they will do about it, Mrs. Roebuck what can ~~you do about it?~~ ^{Newport} Mrs. Shepard, what will the Winton E. R. A. do ~~about it?~~ Mrs. McLaughlin, what will the Covington E. R. A. do about it? Mrs. Roark and Mrs. Clay, what will the Madison E. R. A. do?

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I shall recommend also, that our E. R. A. shall endeavor to get enrolled membership membership, while circulating the Petition.

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Cordially yours,

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Lexington, Ky. January, 1st., 1908.

Miss
Mrs. Laura White,

Ashland, Ky.

My Dear Miss Laura:

I wish you a Happy New Year and many returns. I have received letters from Mrs. Catt urging the Kentucky E. R. A. to go earnestly into the work of the big Petition. I have written her that I would do all I could, and in fact I expect to devote the winter to nothing but suffrage work. Mrs. Catt proposes that ~~we~~ should invite the assistance of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and any other organizations, friendly to our movement. Following her line of thought, I expect to depend a great deal upon the W. C. T. U., where we have no E. R. A, because I know they believe in suffrage, and the president, Mrs. Beauchamp, heartily indorses the Petition. Where we have an E. R. A., I believe it is best for ~~it~~ ^{in the county,} to invite the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. and other societies, rather than to have it done from headquarters, as I shall consider Lexington during the winter; for as you see from the instructions of Mrs. Catt there is to be considerable work, filing and pasting the Petitions after they have been circulated, and I suppose that part will fall upon me and other assistants whom I can get there. I have employed a stenographer to assist me for sometime with the clerical work. Now what I want to know is this; Will your E. R. A. undertake to secure the names in Ashland and your county? Mrs. Catt wants the Petitions filed according to counties. I should be very glad if the Ashland E. R. A. could also give some aid or at least suggestions about getting the Petitions Circulated in ^Cattlesburg. I am enclosing some printed in-

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instructions that Mrs. Catt is sending out. Mrs. Catt expects to supply these Petitions in as large numbers as the work requires, so that the canvassers will not have to supply the paper, which you observe is of particularly strong texture. You will observe on the white slip that I had rubbed out ^{her address} and filled in with Lexington and my own address ^{as that} to which to send the Petition when it is signed. This is because Mrs. Catt has asked us to do the work of pasting, filing and classifying the signatures

In order to get the utmost benefit out of the labor, which this Petition must entail, I suggest to our E. R. A. that they try at the same time to secure enrolled members on the enrollment cards, when ever they find signers who are real suffragists. These cards can be secured in any desired number from Mrs Emma M. Roebuck, 112 Front Street, Newport, Ky. The State E. R. A. will supply them free of cost. I think the canvassers should be supplied with some suitable leaflet to leave at the houses as they go round. The local E. R. A. will have to supply the leaflets; though as you know the National Headquarters at Warren, keep a good selection of leaflets at a small cost. As this is a big job and we should lose no time; I wish your E. R. A. would consider the question at the earliest possible moment, and let me know your decision. I shall send you a number of Petitions at once, so you can make a start quickly; and afterwards you can order from Mrs. Catt the extra ones you need, which she will gladly send.

Hoping to hear from you very promptly, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Kentucky Equal Rights Association

"If Ye Abide in My Word *** Ye Shall Know the Truth,
and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

President, Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St., Lexington.
First Vice President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.
Third Vice President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck,
112 W. Front St., Newport.
Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,
31 E. Twelfth St., Covington.

Copy.

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National American Woman Suffrage Association

(Member National Council of Women and International Woman Suffrage Alliance)

President, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Moylan, Pa.

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January 2, 1909.

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

My dear Miss Clay,

While you may think it very stupid in me and I do not wonder that you should, I am going to ask you again regarding your expenses to the Buffalo Convention. The amount was 27.00 and in straightening out the accounts I do not find a receipted bill for this ~~XXXXXX~~, and thought perhaps this amount had been applied on the 100.00 pledge for Kentucky instead of being handed over to you, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will advise me at your earliest convenience whether Mrs. Upton paid you this in cash or whether she just gave you credit for this for I wish to enter it correctly. Will you also enclose a bill, receipted or otherwise, as the case demands in your reply?

It seems too bad to annoy you with this at this late day, but I should like very much to be sure of this before proceeding further.

Hoping the New Year will bring to you and yours the best it has in store, I am

Yours very truly,

Minnie Hauser.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 31., 1908.

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Mrs. L/ C. Oberchain,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Oberchain:

You must not suppose it negligence because I have not answered your letter of Nov. 14th. I have been gusy in various ways with more than I could do.

No I do not imagine that you have much leisure, and I do not attribute your absence from the convention to loss of interest of interest in suffrage, but every year, I write asking you to come, because I hope it may fall in with your plans to take a little holiday. I am rejoicing all the time in your literary success, and I realize that what you have already achieved compells you to go on still more strenuously.

Mrs. Sheparn told me she had received a letter from you on business in answering which she would reply to the business part of your letter to me. The apparent discrepancy between page 12 and page 17 of the annual report is because we try to have the report from every local E. R. A. made at the convention, but we do not have the annual report printed until after January 1st, because we want our treasurers' books to close at the same time as those of the national treasurer. You read the Woman's Journal so closely that I suppose you know something of the big Petition, which Mrs. Catt is superintending. The convention voted for it and we must do what we can in Kentucky. Mrs. Catt expects to have many names from every county. She advises us to invite the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. the Granges, the Labor unions, the Woman's

tions which are in sympathy with us. Following her line of thought I am going to put a whole county into the hands of their local E. R. A. where we have one. and leave it to them to invite the aid of other organizations to help them. In the counties where we have no E. R. A. I shall ask the W. C. T. U. to take charge where there are organizations in the county. They have been in sympathy with us for years and the President Mrs. Beauchamp, heartily indorses the Petition. I expect all the Petitions to be returned to me at the Kentucky headquarters, and the filing, pasting, and classifying will be done here in Lexington at Mrs. Catt's request. I have engaged a stenographer for some time to assist me in the clerical work, and I intend to devote all my energy to suffrage work this winter. I am inclosing one of the Petition heads with the printed instructions, and write to ask what you can do in Bowling Green. I know we personally can do much of the work, and I am in hopes that our suffragists there with the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. can do a good deal. I am advising our E. R. A. in order to get the most results from what will be a great deal of labor, to try to get enrolled members on our membership cards. I am enclosing a sample of this card, and the E. R. A. which have tried it are greatly pleased. The card does not commit the signer to anything except what is stated on it, - that is, an assured belief in woman suffrage, and a willingness to stand by it. The signer may pay dues or not as he or she chooses and he is member until he asks to have the card returned. Our representation in the State and National conventions remains based on the number of paid up members; but our influence with legislatures and on public opinion is measured by the numbers of bona-fide members. These cards can be obtained in any number desired, free of charge, by writing to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck. We have voted to supply them free of cost because we desired the cards used to be uniform all over the State.

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My Dear Mr. Clay: -

I had expected to hear from you so delayed writing though I would have sent you a postal stating number of dues paid had I not been sick abed. An

attack of grip came upon ~~me~~ ~~uninvited~~ about - Dec. 9 ~~in~~ ~~case~~ of acute indigestion ~~followed~~ and today I am feeling better -

With yours 7.50 we have paid for 585 members -

54 Enrolled from Newport and ~~one~~ from Cov.

Richmond sent 13 ⁴⁵ additional
dues (38 and fraction) -

Mrs. Bennett sent thirty dollars
for State work - M. B. - 20. M. B. sent 5.

Mrs. McCann 5. -

I think the petition for work and will try
as soon as I can to fill the sheet sent -
I will have it filled out - As Mrs. Wolcott
is in California and I am not well
enough to run around to see what
others will do about their Peupled,
But the Ketur E. R. A. will join with the
others in whatever they consider best.

Am sure the Labor Unions will assist -
in petition work from what I have
heard and read of their resolutions etc.

We have not a strong or large W. C. T. U.
here but even they can be appealed to.

Mrs. Roebuck was very ill after her
return from Richmond - so I hardly
think she has done very much on
minutes - May the New Year be one
of happiness and prosperity (in our page numbers)
for you - Very cordially yours
W. H. P. and

Newport Ky 1-5-1869

My dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed

find fifty four (54)

names of our enrolled
members, that is of
the Campbell County
Equal Rights Ass.

Respect

Hannah Spring

609 Morehead St.

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Lexington, Ky. January 6th 1909.

Miss Emma Hast,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Hast:-

I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance, and therefore I shall introduce myself with the expression of my gratification that you have received the presidency of the Louisville E. R. A., of which Mrs. John D. White has informed me.

The E. R. A. has a very important work to do in securing signatures to the big Petition, Mrs. C. C. Catt, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association desires to present to Congress. She wishes not less than a million names and hopes for more and wants about 100,000 from Kentucky, and while I hardly think we can come up to this estimate, we can do a great deal if we set about the work heartily. I have undertaken to have the filing, pasting, and classifying done at Lexington, as headquarters for Kentucky, and I have engaged a stenographer, and expect to devote the winter to suffrage work. Of course as Louisville is our largest city, we must expect a very large portion of the signatures to come from Louisville and I invoke your earnest co-operation. Mrs. Catt recommends that the suffragists invite the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and other associations which are in sympathy with us. Following her line of thought, where we have an E. R. A. I shall place the work of the city and its county in its hands, and leave it to them to invite the co-operation of the other associations in its county. I am now writing you officially to call your E. R. A.'s at the earliest possible moment and write to me what it will undertake.

these signatures. Mrs. Catt will supply to all canvassers through me as many of the Petition blanks as may be desired. They are printed on very strong paper, and she prefers that this paper shall be used and therefore will supply all that is needed. I shall recommend to each E. R. A. which has adopted the members on the plan of the enrolled membership cards to benefit by the labor which is certainly involved, in getting these signatures by trying to get enrolled members whenever they find a thoroughly convinced suffragist. I am enclosing one of these membership cards. I am not sure that Louisville has yet decided on their use. In Richmond, Lexington and so some other places they have found them exceedingly beneficial in increasing their numbers. These cards can be obtained free of cost by application to me, as the State desires that the cards used shall be uniform throughout the State. I also recommend that the canvassers be supplied with a suitable short leaflet, to be left at the houses where they will be read. These can be obtained at the National Headquarters at Warren Ohio, at a very moderate cost. The headquarters keep a good selection. Where there are no local workers willing to bear the expense, the State will supply this literature by applying to me.

Hoping to hear that your E. R. A.'s will join heartily in this great work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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President Kentucky E. R. A.

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Lexington, Ky. January, 6th, 1908

Mrs. John D. White,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My Dear Mrs. White:-

I was not able to answer promptly your letter asking me for a sample constitution. I had none with me when I received your letter in Richmond, but I came home soon afterwards to Lexington, and made a diligent search for a local constitution, which I find I had, but not finding it, I sent you one of our State constitutions, which I hope you received in due time.

Mrs. Park told me of the successful meeting she had with the College Alumnae in Louisville; and I am gratified to know that your daughter has so promptly entered the Equal Suffrage ranks;

We suffragists have a great task before us this winter in securing signatures for the big petition, which Mrs. Catt is asking for. Mrs. Catt wishes Kentucky to do all its own work, that is in addition to getting signatures, to do the pasting, filing, and classifying for the State. She wants Kentucky to get no less than 50,000 names; and I do not doubt that there is sentiment enough to get this number easily. But the trouble is to find people who will do the labor of circulating the petition. Mrs. Catt recommends our asking the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and other associations which endorse woman's suffrage. I shall avail myself particularly of the W. C. T. U. where we have no local E. R. A. where we have a local E. R. A. I think it best to put the work of the whole county in its hands, and let it invite the co-operation of other associations in the county. As Louisville is our big city, we must exert ourselves

to get a great number from it. I am writing to you because I know you so well

I shall write to her to-day but I am greatly depending upon your zeal, upon Miss Mae's, now that she has joined us, and upon Mr. White's. I am particularly anxious for his assistance in Manchester and Clay county, where I have no addresses at all, either among the E. R. A.'s or the W. C. T.U.'s. His temperance friends would perhaps help him, and I know that there is always a considerable amount of suffrage sentiment in all the mountain counties.

Now we are entering upon what is really an immense work, I expect to devote the winter entirely to suffrage work, of which the big Petition will be a large portion. I have engaged a stenographer to help me for some time, and I shall get assistants to help me with the pasting, filing, etc., but all of this will be of little avail, unless the suffragists throughout the State work with earnestness on it. Mrs. Catt will furnish all the Petition heads which you will observe are printed on particularly strong paper, as she wishes this paper to be used throughout without cutting of any of the heads. I shall keep an abundant supply of them on hand to send at once free of cost to those who may write for them. I intend to recommend to our E. R. A. to secure members on the enrollment cards, of which I shall keep a stock, and also Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck. The State supplies these cards free of cost, as it is desired that all the locals shall use a uniform card. I recommend that the canvassers be supplied with a suitable leaflet on woman's suffrage, to be left at the houses when they are canvassing. The local workers will have to supply these as you know the National headquarters keeps a large selection at a very moderate cost. Where there are no local friends to meet this expense, the State E. R. A. will supply suitable literature free of cost, on application to me.

Will you please consult with Miss Hast, and lay out a systematized plan for canvassing Louisville and Jefferson county, as full as possible. Mrs. Beauchamp, the State President of the W. D. T. U. heartily indorses the

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Petition, so you can freely ask the aid of the W. C. T. U. The State Granges has declared insfavor of woman's suffrage and the National Labor Unions have done the same for ~~years~~. So you can freely apply to these organizations for help. I enclose a sample of the Petition and will supply as many ofs you may need as soon as I hear from you. I trust I may receive an encouraging reply. I am

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Laura Clay, Pres. E. R. A. —

I enclose card with
my signature, and will
give you dues the first
time I chance to meet you
at Woman's Club; or, if failing
in this, — may call by your
home for this purpose.

Very sincerely

Carrie F. Waller

#462. W. Third St., Lex., Ky.

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Lexington, Ky. January, 7th, 1908.

Mrs. Virginia Franceway,

Madisonville, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Franceway:-

You have perhaps observed from the newspaper that the National Woman's Suffrage Association is getting up a big Petition to Congress in favor of a Constitutional Amendment for woman's suffrage. The international president, Mrs. Catt asked Kentucky for 100,000 names, and hopes to get at least half of that number. She recommends that we ask the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and other associations, which are in sympathy with our cause. Of course we expect great assistance from the W. C. T. U., which has always worked fraternally with the Kentucky E. R. A.; and Mrs. Beauchamp strongly endorses the Petition. Following Mrs. Catt's line of thought, I am planing to ask the W. C. T. U. to take charge of our Petition in those counties, where we have no E. R. A. and where the W. C. T. U. is organized. I am writing to you as superintendent of the franchise department to request your advise and your active co-operation. Any suggestions you have to make will be gratefully received. I asked Mrs. Beauchamp to write a recommendation of this work, which I might send to the Unions, to show her support of the Petition. She said she would willing write such a letter for me to send out, but she did not think it necessary, as she said the Unions were well acquainted with the work of the Kentucky E. R. A. and knew the perfect sympathy between the two associations. Therefore as writing such a letter would be some simple addition to the necessary correspondance I have not asked Mrs. Beauchamp to prepare one, and I wish in answering this letter

you would say whether you think it would be necessary or not.

I would be very glad to put the petition in your hands for Hopkins county. I should prefer that you undertake the work as president of the Madisonville E. R. A. For I think that we could add considerable to the numbers of the E. R. A. while getting signatures to the Petition. But as you are also superintendent of the franchisement department, it may suit you better to work in that capacity.

You will see from the Petition blanks I enclose that it is printed on very strong paper. Mrs. Catt prefers that this paper shall be used, and therefore she will furnish all the blanks that are needed, free on application to me. I advise that the canvassers be supplied with a suitable leaflet to be left at the houses where it will be read, as they go round. These can be obtained at very moderate cost from Mrs. Harriet T. Upton, national headquarters W. S. A. Warren, Ohio. If there is no money in your local treasury for the literature, the State E. R. A. will supply it, free on application to me. There will be considerable labor in addition to securing the signatures in pasting and classifying the Petitions, which Mrs. Catt wishes Kentucky to do for its own Petitions. For this work Lexington will be the headquarters and I will take charge of it, with the help of the Fayette E. R. A. I have engaged a stenographer for some time, and expect to devote the winter to suffrage work. I shall hope for cordial co-operation from you. Please let me hear as promptly as you can what aid you can undertake to give.

Very cordially yours

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President Kentucky E. R. A.

Newport, N.Y. Jan. 7, 1909

My dear Miss Clay:—

Your letter just received and I hasten to answer. I shall certainly vote "yes" for Miss Weisinger. I remember meeting her at the convention and I hope she will accept.

I was not surprised at Gov. Willson's answer to your request, as I understood from the first that it was not a convention of delegates from

the different states, but simply a conference of governors.

Mrs. Shepard called me up several days ago and told me we had paid national dues for over nine hundred. I was certainly delighted. Hope we soon may have 1000.

Mrs. Fred Withers Smith is a decidedly good organizer. When I wrote to ask ~~her~~ her to send me the names of the seventeen members she had secured, she replied, by sending me forty names.

Do you want the list or shall I keep it?

We saw in the papers here of a nervous breakdown of ~~the~~ Miss Shaw and that she had to be taken to a Sanitarium. Is there any truth in it? I hope, if it is, that she is not seriously ill.

Have you come to any decision as to our bills for this legislature? I have thought that as Mrs. Fred Withers Smith, said her cousin Mr. L. Frank Withers who is the representative from

Inade Co., is such an enthusiastic
convert to our cause, that it
would be well to ask him to
present our co-guardianship
bill. What is your opinion ~~and~~
or have you someone else in
view?

When should our petitions be
returned to you? I think most of
them are filled, but I gave some
of my petitions to Miss Penfield
when she was here and I
suppose she turned them over
to you, as she did not return
them to me.

Hope you had a bright Christmas
& Happy New Year.

Very Sincerely,

Emma M. Roebuck.

[Jan. 8, 1909]

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF SENATOR BLAIR'S MEMORIAL.

I made it my business to talk with several of our suffragists in the District to find out what they knew about the Memorial. Some of them seemed to know that it was in, but one of them stated as the opinion of one of the District officials that anything in connection with the District had only to have Senator Blair's name to it to fail. Of course, this is only a personal opinion.

I found that Senator Gallinger, Chairman of the Committee on District affairs, who presented Senator Blair's Memorial and to whose committee it was referred, is at home attending to his fences; and Mr. Walker, who is the Secretary of the committee and who might have been able to give me more information, was with Senator Gallinger. I went three times in order to see the committee stenographer, Miss Hughes, but she did not return.

I then went to call at the Senate Annex on Senator Owen, submitted the Memorial to him, and he took time to read it through and handed it back to me with a smile, saying that we need give ourselves no concern, that there would be absolutely nothing done with it.

He then asked me about the progress of our work in general, and urged that we question candidates and work for the initiative referendum. He asked if I knew of his having presented a memorial on woman suffrage for Mr. Vere Goldthwaite, of Massachusetts, and told me I could get copies of it at the Document Room. I then returned to the Senate Room, went to the Document Room and asked for copies of the Blair Memorial and of the Goldthwaite Memorial. I received the latter but the former, they said, had not been printed except as a part of the Records.

I then had quite an interview with Senator Blair. He feels very strongly on the subject of the disfranchisement of the men of the District and talked to me, without really answering any of my questions, for thirty-five minutes. He admitted, however, that he expected no immediate action to be taken on his Memorial, that it was a long and tortuous way that he had undertaken to bring about a recognition of the District, both as to municipal suffrage and to the presidential suffrage, but that to him it seemed the only way, and that the matter, instead of being one which concerned the District mainly, was quite as much the business of all the States. To give you frankly my opinion, and that is of course what you want, he seemed to me impractical in his plans and as if he had hoped to swing the entire National Suffrage Organization into working for male suffrage in the District, with the possibility at the last moment of bringing in a clause on woman suffrage. He said he had the offices there and thought that we ought to have a headquarters

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in Washington and thought that we might have it there in his office. I had already told him that I was there to see to some preliminary work about our new headquarters but he had paid no attention to that remark, so that after he made this offer I emphasized the fact that we already had a house at 1823 "H" Street which we were preparing to open for headquarters for the work. He looked disappointed at this although admitting in the same instant that that was what ought to be.

I do not believe there is anything which we at present need to consider in connection with this Blair Memorial. It is just at the very beginning and I have a very strong feeling that it was introduced simply out of personal consideration for an ex-senator, and I am also sure, from several of the statements I heard made, that the Committee on District Affairs, will do no further work during this Congress except to meet once to make some preparations for the inauguration. Senator Gallinger, the Chairman, does not return for several weeks and the second man on the Committee (whose name escapes me now) is ill and has returned home. Senator Billingham is third in order and is to have a meeting of the Committee this morning for work in connection with the inauguration.

Rachel Foster Avery, Jr.

Swarthmore, Pa.,
January 8, 1909.

Mrs Lexington, Ky. Jan. 8th, 1908.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard,

Hickman, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Hubbard,

I have not heard from you for a long, long time; and I fear your health may not have been good during that time. I am sure, however that your interest in Equal Rights has not diminished; and so I am writing to ask your help in the undertaking which will consume a large part of my time this winter.

You may have observed that the National convention voted to circulate the monster Petition to Congress, asking for a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage. Mrs. C. C. Catt, our National president has the Petition in charge, and she asks Kentucky to do its part, pasting, filing and classifying of the Petition from Kentucky, which will make considerable work in addition to securing signatures. She places Kentucky's estimate at 100,000, and while she hardly expects to get that number, she does hope that we will make a creditable showing. I have undertaken to have charge of the Petitions when they are signed, and have made Lexington a sort of headquarters for that purpose. I have engaged a stenographer to assist and will also get the help of the Fayette E. R. A. Mrs. Catt suggests that we invite the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and other associations which are favorable to our cause. The W. C. T. U. has always acted so fraternally with the E. R. A.'s, that I hope for great assistance from them, but wherever it is possible I earnestly desire that our E. R. A. women shall take the lead; more especially as I believe we can get many new members while we are canvassing for the Petition. I know if your health is good, that there is no one in Western

Kentucky who can push this work better than yourself. So I am writing to ask what you will undertake to do about this. Of course, I would expect you to invite the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. and any other societies which you think would help in your own county and one or two of the neighboring counties.

I am very sorry that you could not be at our last convention which met in Richmond. We felt that it was a particularly successful one, and National dues showed an increase for the year; Mrs Shepard has dues paid for 585 members.

I am inclosing a Petition which you will observe is printed on very strong paper. Mrs. Catt desires that all of the Petitions shall be on this paper, and so she will supply free of expense as many blanks as we need, and which I am to furnish on application of any of our workers. I think our canvassers ought to leave a good suffrage leaflet where it will be read as they go from house to house; where the local workers have not money to supply this literature, the State Association will supply it free of charge on application to me. Please let me hear as soon as possible.

Hoping that your health is good, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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President Kentucky E. R. A.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 9th, 1909.

Dear Miss Hauser,

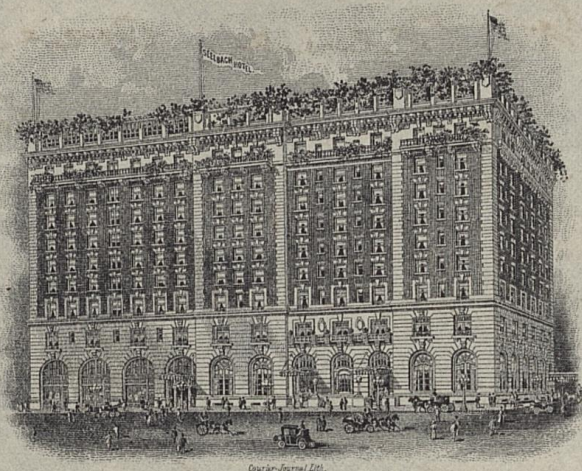
Since I received your letter a few days ago about the account of my expenses to the Buffalo convention I have looked for my correspondence and receipts; but have not been able to find any. I do not know whether I have lost them, or simply mislaid them. Perhaps you have my former letter, and with this one will be able to make out satisfactorily the account, for I remember it well enough to write it in the main features again.

My account for travelling expenses to and from Buffalo were	- - -	\$27.00
I handed Mrs. Upton a fifty dollar N.Y. draft, asking her to cash it		50.
Making \$77.00 owing me.		<u>77.00</u>
		75.00
		<u>2.00</u>
From this I asked to have deducted for a donation made by		
Mrs. Mary B. Clay toward the Ky. pledge of \$100.00		\$5.00
Mrs. Upton paid me in cash	- - - - -	40.00
I asked her to deduct my second payment of pledge for		
the excess over \$60.00 for Oklahoma expenses		30.00
Total payment to me		<u>75.00</u>

The ~~\$2.00~~ \$2.00 still due me I asked to have put to the credit of either the Ky. pledge or my individual Pledge, I forget which. The memorandum you have will perhaps state which.

In the little memorandum Mrs. Upton made in her own hand, she had said \$42.00 cash to me; but when she came to pay it she found she had ~~not~~ not the cash; and as \$40.00 was sufficient for me I said she could put the other two dollars on the credit of one of those pledges.

I do not find any receipts sent me; probably none were sent.
Cordially yours,



LOUIS SEELBACH,
PRES. & MANAGER.

OTTO SEELBACH,
V. P., SECY. & TREAS.

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4TH & WALNUT STREETS.

Louisville, Ky. Jan 11 1907

Miss Laura Clay

Dear Miss Clay

I will read
your letter at the next
meeting of the club.
I thank you for it's
kind expression of interest.
I hope we shall be able
to accomplish something
but Louisville is
most conservative and
slow to throw off an
old tradition.

I have had several friends
say that they realized
the reasonableness of the
arguments in favor of
suffrage. But when

I ask them to give me
their name as a member
of the club. They say
they are not. Most
kind of women. So
you see the field is
not very promising.
If however you will
send me a brochure
enrollment cards, we
will work hard to
fill them.

Very sincerely
Edna Hall-

I would like the cards
sent to above address
but my permanent
address is National
Bank of Commerce
Co. 5th & Main St's

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 11/1909.

My dear Miss Robinson,

I have just received your letter of January the 9th. I had heard from Miss Hast that she was going to give up the Presidency of the Louisville Club, and I am greatly relieved that the office is going to fall in as capable hands as yours. I feel that Louisville should be a much greater Suffrage center than it has yet been, and that it should play a much more important part in the movement in the State. In the last few years it has been going forward steadily and I hope now that the Convention has given it such an impetus, that it will not need any more anxious thought from the rest of the State.

While I regret that you can not take the Chairmanship of the Susan B. Anthony fund, I see that your reasons for not doing so are good. I know there is work enough in Louisville for a more active President and therefore I cannot ask anything more of you at the present time, unless it be that you will look around in Louisville and see if you can find some other person, who will take this Chairmanship.

I am very glad to tell you that after a careful investigation by the Fayette E. R. A., we find that the mandatory law requiring a woman Physician to be appointed to each one of our State Asylums for the insane has not been repealed, either by codification or otherwise. It is the opinion of the Attorney

General and the Board of Commissioners that the act is still in full force and the vacancies, which have occurred in the Asylum at Lexington and also, I believe, at Hopkinsville, have been occasioned simply by the difficulty of obtaining a woman physician to fill them. Mr. Stanley Milward, the Commissioner from Lexington, has requested The Fayette E. R. A. to find a suitable woman physician, stating that he does not consider that the statute requires the woman to be a Kentuckian. I wrote yesterday to Mrs. James A. Leech, asking her to institute an inquiry in Louisville for a suitable woman, and I have also written to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, president of the Newport E. R. A. to do the same. We think this is a fine opening for some young woman who has not yet established a private practice. I hope to hear both from Louisville and Newport before Friday, as on Friday afternoon our E. R. A. has a meeting and if we have not any hopes of securing a Kentucky woman, we shall take steps to offer this opportunity to a woman outside the State. In the Lexington Asylum the vacancy is that of third assistant, the salary is \$800 a year and board and laundry. I do not know the particularities of the place which I believe is vacant in the Hopkinsville Asylum.

With my best wishes for the progress of the Louisville E. R. A., I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. C. T. U. letter.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 11, 1909.

Miss Sallie Edmonds,
Scottsville, Ky.

Dear Madam,

The National American Woman Suffrage Association is now engaged in circulating a Petition to Congress asking a submission to the Legislatures of an amendment to the National Constitution which will enable women to vote. Mrs. C. C. Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Association, has this Petition in charge. The Kentucky Equal Rights Association has undertaken to do its share in securing the signatures. Mrs. Catt recommends that the co-operation be invited of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions and other organizations which have endorsed suffrage for women.

As the W. C. T. U. in Kentucky has always worked fraternally with the Kentucky E. R. A. I am hoping that we shall receive much aid from it, particularly as Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp heartily endorses the Petition. Accordingly I am writing to ask if the W. C. T. U. in Allen Co. will undertake to circulate the Petition in Scottsville and the county. Mrs. Catt thinks we might get the signatures of about ten per cent of the adult people of the county. In that case the quota of Allen Co. would be ^{about} 1200 names. While it may not be possible to obtain so many signatures we yet hope to obtain an encouraging number from Allen Co.

I enclose a Petition which you observe is printed on particularly strong paper. Mrs. Catt desires that this paper shall be used altogether, and therefore the blanks will be supplied by me free of cost in any

Mrs. Sarah Mc Mahan - Sharpshurg Ky. x - Give for *Emancipation*
Mrs Robert Goggin - Paris Ky. x
Mrs M E Haver - Pineville Ky.
Mrs Ethel Colson - Middleboro Ky. x
Miss M. E. R. Blader, Augusta Ky. x
Mrs John Davis, ~~Brooksville~~ ^{Why women should vote} Ky. x
Mrs Edna Williamson, Liberty, Ky. -
Mrs H. C. Thompson, Winchester, Ky. -
Mrs Elizabeth Grobel, Prestonsburg, Ky. -
Mrs. R. M. H. Perick, Greensburg Ky. x
Mrs. M. M. Givens, Cynthia Ky. x
Mrs. J. E. Claunch, Somerset, Ky. x
Mrs Kate B Cook, Columbus, Ky. x
Mrs Junie Raper, Hindman, Ky. x
Mrs. Pelagica A. Redd, London, Ky. -
Miss Josephine Aire, Louisa Ky. -
Mrs. T. O. Posey, Russellville Ky. -
Mrs Sallie Burrow, Waverille, Ky. -
Mrs Junie D. Thomson, ~~Waverille~~ Ky. -
Mrs. Mary L. Chisum, Tompkinsville Ky. x

Mrs. Lillian Williamson, Pikeville, Ky.
Mrs. Florrie Knapp, Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. Sophia Stone, Monticello, Ky.
Mrs. J. T. Coffman, Slaughter'sville, Ky.
Mrs. Ida Reynolds, Slaughter'sville, Ky.
Mrs. F. P. Day, Corbin, Ky.
Lexington, Ky. Jan. 11, 1909.
Miss Sallie Edmonds,
Scottsville, Ky.

Dear Madam,

The National Kentucky Womans Suffrage Association is now engaged in circulating a Petition to Congress asking a submission to the Legislatures of an amendment to the National Constitution which will enable women to vote. Mrs. C. C. Catt, President of the International Womans Suffrage Association, has this Petition in charge. The Kentucky Equal Rights Association has undertaken to do its share in securing the signatures. Mrs. Catt recommends that the co-operation be invited of the W. C. T. U., The Granges, The Labor Unions and other organizations which have endorsed suffrage for women.

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desired number. In order that the best results possible shall be obtained from the labor of canvassing, it is recommended that a suitable short leaflet on Equal Suffrage shall be distributed by the canvassers as they go from house to house. The State E. R. A. will furnish such leaflets free of cost on application to me.

Hoping that your W. C. T. U. will lend a helping hand in this big Petition, which we expect to be of material help to the Suffrage Cause, I am, Very sincerely your Co-worker for Temperance and Equal Suffrage,

President, Ky. E. R. A.

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Miss Kallie Edmonds. Scottsville Ky
Mrs. Addie Edwards - Perryville Ky.
Mrs. Lizzie Tucker. Cave City Ky.
Mrs. Juliet L. Powers. Grayson Ky.
Mrs. Anna Davidson. Grump Ky.
Mrs. C H Wilson. Eminence Ky.
Mrs. Mary L Rice. Paintsville Ky.
Mrs. S A Plummer. Vauvburg Ky.
Mrs. Albert Christian. Central City Ky.
Mrs. Anna K Potts. Carlisle Ky.

109 East Broadway
January thirtieth [1909]

My dear Miss Clay

Our
Librarian Dr. E. L. Warren
is not at home, and will
be away until the twenty
second of next month.

I will tell him of your
letter as soon as he
comes.

Respectfully
Emily H. Addath

[Jan 13, 1909]

Miss Laura Colay.

Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Friend -

In response to your letter enclosing petition and asking my co-operation as Pres. of W. C. P. K. of Nicholas Co. in helping to secure names, I will say it will give me pleasure to do all I can in my feeble way among my women.

The women of our County are just now realizing what Equal Rights would mean to them, and I am glad to see the sentiment gaining ground, but it is an education just begun, hence I cannot

promise you much this
time. Will you please send
me a few of the leaflets contain-
ing arguments in favor of suffrage
for women that I may use. I
also send another petition
blank and I will send to
another W.C.T.U. in our county
& have them do what they
can. Any time I may be of
a little service to you I am
yours to command.

Mrs. Anna H. Potts
Carlisle, Kentucky
1-13th 1909

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 13, 1909.

Mrs. Obenchain,
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

Long time ago you asked me if I had a copy of "Why a Democratic Woman Wants the Ballot". At that time I could not lay my hands on a copy though I still think I have some printed copies put away. But last night in looking over a huge pile of miscellaneous literature I found your original manuscript though I am sorry to say three of the last pages are missing. As I recollect the printed leaflet was shortened. I enclose the manuscript. How long a time ago it seems since first you wrote it for our convention!

I have been waiting somewhat impatiently to know what the suffragis and W. C. T. U. in Bowling Green can do for our big Petition. Mrs. Cat writes that she is particularly anxious to have the signatures of college presidents, professors etc; and suggests that we might get the names from each college on a separate sheet. Could you get the signatures from the Western Normal School and Odgen College? I enclose two extra blanks for this purpose though I hope you will need many more for general circulati

Cordially Yours,

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Lexington, Ky. Jan. 13, 1909.

Miss Emma Hast,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Hast,

I was much pleased to receive your letter of the 11th saying the Louisville suffragist would help with the big Petition. You ask me to send a thousand enrollment cards; but as these cards are for persons who ~~joinse~~ join the Equal Rights Association by signing them I think you must have meant Petition blanks for a thousand names. Under another cover therefore I am sending fifty blanks which will hold about a thousand signatures. I am sending them to you at the Seelbach Hotel as your letter requests. I am now preparing some remarks to be printed about the use of the enrollment cards and as soon as I have the printed matter ready I will send you a supply of the enrollment cards. As soon as you have the Petition blanks filled they should be sent to me at once. In canvassing for the signatures you will no doubt find many persons who sincerely believe in Equal Suffrage and among these you can probably find some who will join your Association. It will be worth while to make a note of their names and afterwards return and see if they can be secured as members.

Thanking you for your co-operation in circulating the big Petition,
I am,

Very truly yours,

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Woman Suffrage Association
— and —
Indian Women's Woman Suffrage League
Of Oklahoma

Woman Suffrage Association

President, Mrs. Kate H. Biggers, Marlow.
First Vice President, Mrs. N. M. Carter, Guthrie.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Minnie K. Bailey, Enid.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Julia L. Woodworth,
Oklahoma City, 1128 North Hudson.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Julia Dunham,
Oklahoma City, 1147 W. Main Street.
Treasurer, Mrs. Adah F. Watson, El Reno.
Auditor, Mrs. C. S. Feunquay, Chandler.
Headquarters Secretary,
Mrs. Ida Porter-Boyer, Oklahoma City.



Indian Women's Woman Suffrage League

President, Mrs. J. R. Harris, Chickasha.
First Vice President, Mrs. Narcissa Owen, Muskogee.
Second Vice President, Mrs. H. L. Cloud, Wellston.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Randolph, Wynnewood.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Martha Phillips Atkinson, Chickasha.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. K. McKellop, Muskogee.
Auditors } Mrs. Mamie Porter Farnsworth, Muskogee.
 } Mrs. John Brown, Chickasha.

~~Headquarters—220½ West Main Street, Room 2~~

Marlow

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

Jan 14-1909.

My dear Miss Clay:

I returned from Guthrie last-Sun,
tired and rather disheartened but this morning I
have received a letterⁱⁿ which she—Mrs. Boyer, you see
how much my mind is on her and our work—says
that Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the com. in which our
bill has been placed by Senate—has promised us a
public hearing. We were so afraid of him but a
great-pressure is being brought to bear on him
by the N. C. T. U. and he seems to be more friendly to
us. Now, Miss Clay, can you and will you, come
and help us at this hearing. If you will, let me
know immediately or will be very glad. I do so hope
we may see you but will not urge it. You know our
conditions and I am sure of your sympathy.

We think if we can get out of committee we stand a
good chance to win. We are in much better shape than
when we were in convention. Mrs. Boyer is at the

Jone Hotel. It is very expensive \$250 per day, but it is her only chance to see the members. There is absolutely no opportunity at the sessions of legislature and everybody comes to the Jone. Mr. Haskell has not the influence he had in convention - he has many bitter enemies, as has "Alfalfa Bill".

I was in Guthrie last week - was from home just a week. Am going up again soon. Poor Mrs. Dyer, she works so hard and is so alone. If I could leave home and could afford it - I would stay with her although it is awful.

Is it not fine the enthusiasm that is beginning to show all over our land?

By the way, Mrs. Dyer says a "Remonstrance" was on every desk the day she voted.

Sincerely yours
Kate H. Diggers

The date of meeting has not been set.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 14, 1909.

Mrs. Anna K. Potts,

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Madam,

I thank you very much for undertaking to have the suffrage Petition circulated in Nicholas Co.

Under another cover I am sending enough blank Petitions to contain five hundred signatures, which I hope you may be able to secure in Nicholas Co.

Also under another cover I am sending some suffrage leaflets for distribution among the W. C. T. U. women and for the canvassers to leave with persons who may desire to read on the subject of equal suffrage.

I shall be pleased to furnish more leaflets and more Petitions blanks if you should find them needed. I am,

Very truly and gratefully yours,

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Treasurer's Report for 1908.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 15, 1909.

Your treasurer received dues for 1907 from 68 members; and knowing that Mrs. Gratz had received dues from some before she left for Europe I paid State and National dues for 80 members. On receiving Mrs. Gratz's books this Fall I found that the full number for which State and National dues should have been paid was 83. Therefore I have sent on the dues for those three this year. Not knowing from whom Mrs. Gratz had collected I had to correct the list I had made and set down two dues to 1908 which in my report previously given were counted for 1907.

Up to this present time I have received dues from 72 members and I have sent on the State and National dues for these and the three which should have been paid last year.

Receipts from dues for 1908-----	\$36.00
Receipts from Mrs. H. H. Gratz, retiring treasurer	<u>37.35</u>
Total for 1908-----	73.35.
Disbursements for 1908-----	
Nov. 13, Mrs. Shepard, dues for 50 members	17.50
Dec. 29, National dues for 25 additional members	2.50
Jan. 11, 1909. Treasurer's book	.35
Jan. 15, State dues for 25 additional members	<u>6.25</u>
Total disbursements -----	\$26.60
Balance for 1908 -----	46.75
Balance from 1907 -----	<u>1.00</u>
Total	47.75.

I may state that 14 members have already paid dues for 1909 which after deducting the State and National dues leaves an additional \$2.10 in the local treasury.

Respectfully submitted

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 15, 1909.

Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck,
Newport, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I have heard nothing from you since your card of Jan. 3rd. I hope it is not a return of the Grippe which has prevented your writing.

I do not know whether you have the minutes in the printers hands or not. Last year you asked for a full explanation of the enrolled membership card to be put in the minutes. I remember that I thought it best not to put it into the minutes until we had experimented with it and while now that we have done so I think a full description of our membership system would be useful in this annual report, because we hope to have Miss Penfield in March and she could use this years minutes as a sort of note book to leave with the clubs she organizes. Therefore I am sending a complete account of the recommendations of our convention to local clubs, both previous to adopting the membership cards and since their adoption.

If you approve of it you can insert it in some convenient place in the minutes.

To-day we shall have a meeting of the Fayette W. R. A. with the election of officers, and I hope that Miss Linda Neville will be elected president, Mrs. Mary C. Morton as vice-president, Mrs. Wellington Payne as secretary and myself as treasurer. If I do not write to you immediately changing these names you may take it for granted that they were elected and can put them in the minutes, if you choose. I shall send the dues to

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Mrs. Shepard to-day making seventy five paid up so far for 1908, I hope to have more, but I was very late in sending out my notices to the members. I have paid National dues on one hundred and twenty five since we have more than that number of bona-fida members. I was gratified to get the nice long list of the Newport enrolled members, it was very thoughtful in Mrs. Spring to send them I wish you would thank her for it. And please let me hear as soon as you can what Newport will do about the big Petition.

I am working hard sending letters over the state and we have not yet begun to circulate the Petition in Lexington. I hope to find committees to-day to take it in hand. Louisville will try to get a thousand signatures but its quota is three thousand.

Please send me one thousand of the membership cards for I have said in several of my letters that I could supply them and I can do so when I send out the Petition blanks.

Very sincerely yours,

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Lexington, Ky. Jan. 15, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Shepard,

The Fayette E. R. A. has its annual for the election of officers and I shall make my report as treasurer. When Mrs. Gratz came home from Europe and I had access to her books I found that I should have paid you for three more members last year. I enclose those dues in this check and for 22 more 1908. So far we have had 72 paid up members. I think a number will pay; and if so I will send on the dues later. Of course I am paying only the State dues for these 25 members as I have already sent the National dues in the check to Mrs. Upton, 7.50 of which I wrote to you.

I enclose a check for 6.25. I hope they will arrive in time to appear in the annual report.

How are you coming on with the big Petition? I enclose another and hope that you will call for more,

Cordially yours,

Diet.

Bowling Green Ky.

Jan 15th 1909

Dear Miss Clay.

You can
send me five or six
more of the petitions
and I will do the
best I can, but my
task is very poor.

I spent my holidays(?)
getting up the ms.
of my book, and the
proof sheets are com-
ing in now. This means
hard work for weeks
to come and I have
very little eye sight
left after I get through

² with a batch of proof-
sheets.

I have just one petition
in the hands of the
Bookings from W. C. T. U.'s
president. But she is
not a suffragist and
I cannot hear of any
member of that organ-
ization who is. My
next door neighbor be-
long to it, and I went
over & had a talk with
her. From all I can
learn this W. C. T. U.
is the ultra-feminist
kind. I gave another
petition to Dr Lillian

³ South and asked her to
circulate it in the Current
Topic Club and among
the doctors, with whom
she is very popular.
The other Major will
sign and circulate at
Oxford, and I will
attend to Potter College
the State Normal and
the Business College as
soon as I get some
more petitions.
The State Normal had
a debate on woman suf-
frage last week and the
girls who were on the af-
firmative came to me
for help. I gave them

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plenty of literature on
points, and told them
to pass the literature on
to some one else who would
read it and pass it on
again, and so on, till
it was worn out.

I have the petitions that
Mrs Upton sent me folded
and put in envelopes
but I must get some
postals type written &
call the attention of
the editors to them.

wish I had local
press-workers to help
me in each town where
I have a paper, or where
I suppose I have a
paper. Again and again

Jan. 15, 1909.

I have written postal
cards calling the editor's
attention to the weekly
article and requesting
him to publish it and
send me a copy of the
paper, and about one
in ten complies with
the request. Do you think
it worth while to keep
on sending the articles
under such conditions?

Mrs. Babcock's advice was,
cut off a paper whose
editor will not reply after
you have written to him
three times.

Jan. 18th

I will try to write to
Mrs. Babcock for those
cards, but God only knows

61 When I can do it
this morning I am
so nervous that I
cannot write.

I am on the point
of another nervous
break down and this

poor work must pass
into other hands for
a while. I might as
well acknowledge that

I am a nervous
woman. Sometimes I
feel like working, and
then I work. But if I
try to do systematic work
regardless of my feelings
I break down utterly. If
I could only get some

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one to do the mechanical
part of the work, I might
do the brain work. It does
not hurt me to write -
except the strain on my
eyes.

I want you to see my
big boy and I will give
him your address when
I write to him. He is
a fine fellow in every
way and I am ex-
ceedingly proud of him.
I hope to have my other
boy at the University
next year.

I am sorry I can't
help you more. Make
allowance for me, please.

Sincerely yours,
L. C. Overland.

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infer from what you
said about the apparent dis-
crepancy between pages 12
+ 17 that Bowling Green
dues were not received till
after the convention. But
why did Mrs. Shepard say
that they had not been
paid at all? I sent her
a check for the amount
due, and I am holding
back this year's dues till
I hear from her. If year
before last's dues were
paid as stated on page 17
then the check I sent
can go for this dues of
1908. I have heard nothing
from her as yet.

Kentucky State Historical Society.

Frankfort, Kentucky. Jan 15^F 1909

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to "The Register" was expired -
would be pleased to have you renew -

(Miss) Sally Jackson
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Miss Laura Clay
181 N Mill Street Lexington
Ky

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 18, 1909.

Miss Sallie Jackson,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Miss Jackson,

Enclosed please find check for \$1.00 for subscription
to "The Register".

Very truly yours, *Laura Clay*

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