

January 25 1910.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

You will remember that when I accepted the Chairmanship of the Press Work for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, I did so with great trepidation. You will remember that we both agreed, that if I found myself too busy with my school-teaching and other work, I should withdraw from the position.

This I have made all reasonable efforts to condense my professional work. I have not found time up to date, to do anything except write once to Mrs Harper. I am considering

the coming months, I can foresee no more time adequate to the performance of the work as I think it ought to be done. I have indeed given the work consideration, and the plans I have thought out for organizing and supervising an effective Press Bureau, will require more time than I can give. I am unwilling to keep the position unless I can develop it effectively.

I hope you will not consider me presumptuous, if I suggest Miss Margaret Weisinger of Louisville (corner 4th & Oak Sts.), to fill this position. Miss Weisinger is brilliant, has leisure, and can command a fairly much influence with the Louisville papers. She has been greatly interested in the subject for a long time, and would be willing to undertake this work. In fact, at my request, Miss Virginia Robinson, asked Miss Weisinger if she would permit her name to be suggested for this position, and Miss Weisinger replied that she would be glad to be considered. Miss Weisinger perfectly realizes the entirely unofficial character of Miss Robinson's question.

I ventured to make the above inquiry, because you said last fall that a Louisville woman at the head of this work, was desirable; and because Miss Weisinger appears to have all the necessary qualifications.

Cations.

Although I must withdraw
from charge of the Press Work, I by
no means wish to withdraw from
working for the cause. and I shall
always be ready to serve to
whatever extent my time permits.

Very truly yours

Emma Dalfinger

Besten Apartments.

Louisville, Ky.

Jan 3, 1910

At a meeting of the Joint
Lx. & Fayette Co Committee upon
Schall Suffrage for women, held Monday
Jan 3 at 3 o'clock at the Romans Club,
The Minutes of the last meeting

were read & approved -

Mrs Williams report on arrangements
\$40 for opera house - music extra -
was read. Mrs Weston moved music

be secured the price for it not to ex-
ceed \$5 - Seconded - carried

Mrs Beckwith gave a report
on programme & discussed advis-
ability of other out of town speakers

It was moved 2nd Sec & carried
to ask Mr Crable, Mr Sullivan,
& Judge McRae to take part & speak

Mr. Proctor - took charge of putting on
letter music & singing

active part in her seeing the
education of their own & all
children taught in the public
schools -

Arrangements for advertising
pointing opera house stage etc
were perfected & the meeting
was adjourned & met
Monday - Jan 10th at 3 pm.
at the Woman's Club.

Margaret W. Brown
Secy - pro tem

and Benjamin Mr. McChesbrough
and others have arranged

Miss Boyan will ask speakers
& announce Mass Meeting for
Wed - Jan - 12th ^{8 pm.} & ask them to
adjourn prayer meeting & letter
earlier to enable the members of
the congregations to come.
Various ladies promised to
speak to various preachers
to encourage the women of their
congregations to take an in-
terest in this educational
movement & to feel it their
Christian duty to take an

Mrs Harrison consented to
make a short talk

Mrs Harrison appointed to
take charge of all printing
necessary -

Mrs Grunig to have charge of
making mutations to Legislative
Board of Education & School
Teaching.

Mrs Fletcher consented to stir up
the committees of various societies
to pass the proposed resolutions
favouring School suffrage & to
publish same -

Kentucky
State University
Lexington, Ky.

Jan-3-10.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:

I understand that you are very much interested in the subject of woman's suffrage. A debate is now pending between State University and Georgetown College, the subject being woman's Suffrage. I am one of the debaters on State's team, and any information you may give will be fully appreciated. We hope this debate may have some little influence on the minds of the few who may chance to hear it. Information in a condensed form will be especially appreciated. Thanking you in advance for any aid you may see fit to give, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

H.A.Babb.

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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

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January, 4th, 1910.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee,

I have just reached home from a trip to attend a meeting of the Board of the N.A.W.S.A. and from a few days visit in Richmond Virginia to my sister, Mrs. Crenshaw.

I have just received a letter from our newly elected Press Superintendent, Miss Emma Dolfinger. She says after making an effort to give the Press work sufficient time, she finds she cannot do it with her duties as teacher, though she has given it consideration and has thought out a plan for organizing ~~and supervising~~ an effective Press Bureau. She suggests that we appoint in her place Miss Margaret Weisengeroff Louisville, Corner Fourth & Oak, to fill her place. She says "Miss Weisenger is brilliant, has leisure and can command, I fancy, much influence with the Louisville papers." She has been greatly interested in the Suffrage work for a long time and would be willing to undertake this work.

As I consider it desirable to have a Louisville woman, I myself am in favor of Miss Weisenger. Please have a very prompt vote on this point as I ought to let Miss Weisenger know at once.

In response to my letter to endorse Mrs. Woolsey as representative of Kentucky and of writing to the Governor, asking him to appoint her. The vote was in favor of doing so. I wrote to the Governor; and received the answer just before leaving for the East, in which he states that the only invitation he had received from the President was for a conference in which there would be no delegates except the

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Governors themselves. He said that if he received further information he would give my letter favorable consideration.

I have just learned that Louisville has 55 more new members. Mrs. White made the mistake of sending the dues for this number to ^{National} me. I have sent them at once to Mrs. Upton, but fear they will not reach her in time to add to this years numbers. However, Mrs. Upton writes that we have gained 316 new members not counting these, so we will be entitled to representation for 902 members at the National Convention, which will be held in Washington, D.C. about the middle of April. That will entitle us to ten delegates besides the State President and Executive Committee member. Is not that a fine showing? Next year I hope we will do better still.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

[Jan 9, 1910]

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 4th, 1909.

My dear Mrs. White,

I just reached home this morning after having gone to New York to attend a Board meeting of the N.W.S.A. and thence to Richmond Virginia to visit my sister, Mrs. Crenshaw. On my return I found your letter with a check for \$5.50. I am so pleased to know you have all these new members. I have sent the check at once to Mrs. Upton. This makes an increase of our members over last year of 371 members, which is a very excellent showing.

Many letters have accumulated on me during my absence, so I must close. Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

12 Peters Street

St. John. N. B.

January 5th 1910

Miss Laura Clay.

My Dear Madam.

I believe
I am indebted to you
for "Jus Suppaxi" being sent
to me for two years.

This is a delightful surprise
and a Christmas present

Very much appreciated.
In October I recd. Miss
Kramers that I felt I could
not continue my subscription
longer, as I had so many
demands upon me, demands
that I was not as able to
meet as I once was, and
felt that I must deny myself
jus Suppagin.

So you can imagine

My surprise & pleasure
in receiving a card announcing
your generous & unsolicited
gift. I feel fortunate in being
^{one} chosen by Miss Kramers
to receive it.

I have received the first-
copy of your gift - and
have read it - and sent it
out on a mission of
conquest. I pass all of my
suppage paper along to

None of the good messages
will be hidden under a bushel.
I received by today's mail
a copy of "Notes for Women"
from an English lady I met
last summer at the Quinquennial.
What should we not be willing
to do in this country when we
rejoice of the courage of those
English women?

Thanking you and hoping
you will feel your gift well
placed I am, sincerely yours
Mabel Peters.

Jan 5 1910
Lexington, Ky. Jan. 5/09.

Miss Virginia Robinson,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Miss Robinson,

I returned yesterday from an absence of some weeks from home, having gone to New York to attend a Board meeting of the N.A.S.S.A. and then having stopped at Richmond, Va. for a visit to my sister, Mrs. Crenshaw. I found your letter of December the 28th awaiting me.

I wish very much that you would accept the Chairmanship of the Susan B. Anthony fund. Miss Gordon especially suggested that you and Miss East should undertake it; and I think her suggestion was wise. Miss Gordon's plan is quite new and I am wholly unable to make any suggestions about it further than what she has already formulated herself. I do not think her plan contemplates asking only Suffrage workers for contributions. The impression made on my mind by her suggestions was that an appeal for donations, small or larger, would be made to all classes of women, whose positions have been improved by the labors of Miss Anthony. The appeal to these classes does not require any particular knowledge of the Suffragists in Kentucky, and I cannot encourage you to suppose that you will get any great amount of help from them. They are already making contributions in other ways to the Suffrage cause. I think all the help you can expect from them would be having a local Chairman in Covington, Newport, Lexington, Ashland

man in Covington, Newport, Lexington, Ashland and Richmond. The most active of our Clubs are in these places.

I am sure that you are going about the prize essays in the right way, for the papers are not to be called in until April or May. I hope I may be able to persuade our E. R. A. in Lexington to offer through you a prize to some of the Lexington Educational Institutions.

Hoping you will conclude to take the Chairmanship of the Susan B. Anthony fund, and that you will let me know so that I may write to Miss Gordon about it.

Very sincerely yours,

Diet.

REPROGRAPHY

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 7/10.

Mrs. Lucy T. Sprake,
Paris, Kentucky.

My dear Mrs. Sprake,

About a year ago, I sent some Women Suffrage Congressional Petitions for circulation. The time has now been decided when they are to be presented and I am requesting that all the Kentucky Petitions be sent to me by the first of January. I hope that you have had some success in getting names. I am enclosing a blank sheet in case you may need more than you already have.

Very sincerely yours,

1910?? yes

Lexington, Ky. Jan 7/09.

Mrs. M. A. Tinsley,

Barboursville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Tinsley,

About a year ago I wrote to you and sent you some Congressional Petitions for circulation. The time was changed for calling in these petitions and now the time has been decided when they are to be presented, and I am requesting that all the Kentucky petitions be sent to me by the first of February. I hope that you have had some success in getting names. In case you may need more petitions sheets than you already have, I am enclosing a blank sheet.

Knowing how much interested you are in all forms of Suffrage for women, I am going to call your attention to the bill for School Suffrage For Women, which is to be presented to this legislature by the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs. The Kentucky Equal Rights Association has voted to leave the School Suffrage work in the hands of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, and they are pushing it as an educational measure. Mrs. Desha Breckinridge of Lexington, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee has it in hand. She has succeeded in having it accepted by the State Educational Commission and it will be presented by this commission with its endorsement. Of course, this gives it a favorable Legislative start. The next thing to do is for

the women of the State to show their interest in the bill to the Legislature, and it has been suggested that the women who are interested in the success of the bill should write to the State Senator and Representative of their own County, asking their vote and support for it, and also to any other Legislators with whom they are acquainted. Will you write such letters to your Legislators and ask other friends, both men and women, to do the same?

In Lexington we are going to hold a Mass Meeting to create an interest in the Bill on January the 12th. All the Associations of the City, including the W. C. T. U. the Equal Rights Association, and all the church associations, The Fayette Medical Association and many others are joining in expressing their approval of the Bill. You see how general the interest is in this County. I am quite sure that the Barboursville people would take much interest in it also, if someone would lead in directing their attention to it.

Please let me hear from you in regard to the Congressional petitions and also whether you will write some of these desired letters.

Very sincerely yours,

Diet.

Riker Place
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Clay, January 7-1910

I am very glad that you will come to us in Harrodsburg. Come at your own convenience, but really the sooner the better. I had no idea of making your visit a club affair, but the College Street Club and Study Club unite in wishing to claim a share, especially then over your coming - and so then chairs can be had for arranging for a public meeting and your expenses from Lexington here and back - not very great I know but still better for the clubs to bear. You are to of course be my guest. That pleasure I will not forego. We are in a miserable place to get to from Lexington. The Cincinnati Southern either necessitates a four miles drive from Burgin or a half hour in Danville. The drive from Burgin is pleasant weather is really pleasant but not at this season and I would not advise it. I think

you had best come by Louisville
Savannah. and although you will not
reach here until eleven P. M. you will
come directly into town and be home
in a few moments. There is a morning
train which will bring you to us in
time for early breakfast but that would
mean a before day light start for you.
Should the weather be good - you can
leave Lexington by the Cincinnati
Southern - about the A. M. reaching
Birmingham a little after eleven - where the
Wagonette will be waiting - to bring you
directly to my door. The Wagonette is
much more comfortable in bad weather
than a private carriage. I will try to
make it as comfortable as possible.
I assure you. Please let me know
your possible date as soon as
possible so we can arrange the
public meeting with as much
previous announcement as possible
also. I am glad you are coming
indeed. For really Mrs. Clay the progressive
element even among our women are
few in number. Although the few
are strong. I am enclosing Henry Claws
address - which of course is an old story to

you - but which is being read and quoted ^(Jan 7, 1910)
quite liberally in our midst of late
and seems to be ^{Riker Place} ^{Harrodsburg, Kentucky} by some one
scattered in every direction

Could you possibly send me a copy
of your Equal Rights bill as soon as
it is printed in its order - I will be
very glad to get it for our Legislature
Club discussion in about ten days
if possible -

Hoping soon to know when we
can hope to see and hear you I

Remain most cordially yours

Francis Small Riker

Eastern Kentucky State Normal School

Office of the President

Richmond, Ky.

Jan. 6, '10.

My dear Miss Clay,

I am gratified to hear of the growth of our organization - particularly in Louisville.

I vote yes for Miss Weisenger.

I trust that I shall be able to attend the National Convention this year. When the new President takes charge - I hope to have a short vacation - as I have had but six days

^{of vacation} in a year - very cordially yours

May C. Roark

Now, Okla. Jan 8-1910.

My dear Mrs. Clay:

I hope you got the telegram all right concerning the successful filing of our petition. The Sec. of State and Assistant-Sec. were extremely nice to the women and said our petition was the clearest, most correct, best-prepared petition that had been prepared, and that if a protest was filed - there are five days allowed for any one to file protest who desires - it would be simply a technicality and everything was done in the office to make their work there strictly legal. We had nearly a thousand names extra.

The women who were in Guthrie (I only got as far as Okla. City owing to various circumstances) all day it was common talk at the State House that there would be a special election - but none has been called, I am more hopeful of success in a regular election now than I ever was before. The women who did petition work in the eastern part of the state - the most-southern part - found it, if anything easier to secure signatures than any place else, and met so many good friends. The teachers from all over the State who have just met in convention in Okla.

City; were so friendly - not one who was asked refused to sign
the petition - and our union think a resolution would
have gone thro splendidly, but they were all torn up over
election of officers and simply ^{had} no resolutions but one
thanking the people of the city. They elected officers by the
Australian ballot - our women were told - in order that
the women present could learn how to use it; there were
from 3000 to 3500 present. It was learned from
several that one of their speakers made a fine plea
for woman suffrage.

Well, now I am coming to the point; and am very
hurried, Our women were obliged to borrow \$1000 to carry
them through and so I ask for the \$1000 you offered to
send if we needed it to finish the petition. We have no interest
to pay until Feb. 1. I am not real sure that settles everything
because Dr. Gay said she had not had time to get her accounts
entirely settled but it will be very near enough to finish.
I only ask for that now. It will be a terrible disappointment
to us if National will help only in case of a special election,
there seems every probability of it but if it comes it will
undoubtedly be in April and we may not know until the
shortest time allowable is left before election.

I only got home this a.m.

Sincerely yours
Kate H. Diggers

January 9, 1910

1710 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

My dear Miss Clay,

I am very sorry to have to refuse the Chairmanship of The Susan B. Anthony Fund particularly since it is so late and the work ought to be started at once, but I think you will agree with me that it would be unwise for me to undertake it just now. I find that there is no one else to take the Presidency of The W.S.C. here except me and while I am

perfectly aware of my deficiencies
both in time and ability, I shall
have to take it rather than let
the Club, at this critical moment,
go Presidentless. And if I do take
it, there is so much to be done
in the way of reorganization and
raising funds and so on, that I
think I should give all the
time I have to the local club
for the present.

I hope you will be able to
find a chairman without more
trouble.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia P. Robinson.

Jan. 10 1870

Dear Lama

you just received and find
me at the farm in all this snow and
cold weather. Sallie brought me clean
in that rain and last and here I
have been ever since. And as I wanted
to get my new men in training and
myself to see what was left of my
wols &c. remained over Sunday. My lunks
are beginning to come now for which I
was not prepared for, as I expected
them in March. The snow is over a foot
solid and of course drifted very deep.
I am pleased with both my men the
way they take hold. Mr Wheeler is just
mound in and not yet settled of
course, as he has had to feel every
thing this bad weather. I think you
helped himself well to my corn I'll
hardly have enough to last me till
spring especially if the winter is bad

Carri is sending me my meals I expect
to stay all the week getting things
together and laying out my work
and showing them what to do when
I am not here. I have not seen
my cattle the men say they are
looking well I hope so. I see Howard
hawking fodder I suppose to you.
Carri is sending my regards by my
tenants are nice people so I don't
have to look up and I hardly hear
a sound from the children of whom
there are four, two boys & girls, one in
town at the Hill^{at} school, so it is
very still here. I had your letter
from Ann's which I enjoyed.

Thank Cousin Kate for me for her
ten year's card when you see her
hope she is now well of her cold.
Had a letter from Cousin Belle quite
a cheerful one. Jane ~~Frank~~ and
babies all well. To be quite a modest
baby. Clay and his brood all well
as well as Green, who was disappointed
in not making them a visit Christmas

or new year so busy at the office
both these times.

In answer to your letter will say
that I vote "yes" as to Thur's business
as per superintendent.

and am delighted to know of our
fine representation in membership
this year. I have some enrollment
papers at home to send you
will when I go back. Hope this
finds you well. With love to you and
all enjoying friends

truly
yrs
Mary.

I just had a letter from Green
in which he said that he had a
letter from the Board in which they
said they would likely offer him
a position on dist. work on their
paper soon and he thought of
accepting it as he prefers to live in
Ky. I do hope he will, the pay will
be about the same as now, he is getting
\$25 per wk. in Columbus, which would
be about as much as 20 in his expenses

being more in Columbus. Then he'll be
worse me which is a great consolation
to me, and I think would enjoy living
in his.

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The Public Library,
of Covington, Kentucky.

[Jan 10, 1910]

My Dear Miss Selay: -

The delay in replying to your letter concerning appointment of Miss (I forget the name) in Louisville as Press Supt. is unpardonable, only that I have been busy getting into trouble - broke my right thumb - ankle turned on ice in my back yard - and concluded, while in such an amiable state over my utter helplessness to get up a thorough case of grip - upon all comes the unexpected removal of my daughter to Springfield, O. So I shall be here all alone. Think Miss (Somebody) is a most excellent selection for Supt. of Press work - think that office should by all means be in Louisville. Yes - I sent dues for 902 members to Nat'l Ass'n. I feel as if there is 'something in the air' - English elections

begin next Thursday - with the high price of food
in our own country - strikes by women and general
uneasiness, the 800,000 Club Women may be called
upon or see themselves the need of concerted action for
relief and then woman suffrage will not be the least
and last score to count - Does it all of this sound
really anarchistic? But, well nous verrons

Hoping you are well

Yours sincerely yours

Shepard

Monday, January the tenth 1910

NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE OF PRESS COMMITTEE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK
Mrs. IDA HUSTED HARPER, CHAIRMAN

Jan. 10, 1910.

Dear National Officer:

Enclosed find copy of a letter which
Mrs. Harper and I are sending out in accordance with
vote of the Official Board at its December meeting in
New York.

Yours sincerely,

EJH/KEO'B

Elizabeth J. Hanes

[1910]

Dear Sir,
I write to ^{invite} ~~ask your~~ your favorable
~~attention~~ ^{to} ~~support~~ Senate Bill No. 80, creating
a Kentucky Library Commission

The women of the Federation of
Woman's Clubs have done much
to promote a taste and opportunity
for reading among the masses of
our people, by maintaining travelling
libraries in remote districts, and
by zealous support of efforts to
establish ~~free~~ public libraries
in many of our cities and towns.
This bill is approved by the Federation,
and I earnestly ask your vote and
support for it.

Very respectfully yours,

Jan 10, 1910

The Fayette Link Committee
on School Suffrage for
women met at the Woman's
Club on Jan-10th 1910 at 3 P.M.
Mrs. Debra Beckinridge
in the Chair. Minutes
were read, amended and
approved. Mrs. Beckinridge
made full report on Pro-
gramme for the Mass
Meeting to be held Jan-12th
at the Opera House.
The leading speakers will
be Supt. J. G. Crabbe,
Judge Henry S. Barker of
Louisville

2. whose coming is a cause
of much congratulation.
Miss Belle Bennett of
Richmond, will probably
be present and speak.
Also Hon. Candlish Thomas
and Hon. Eugene Craver
who will introduce in
the Legislature the School
Suffrage Bill and the
Hon. Jere Sullivan who
framed the present School
Law and Hon. Tom Linn
who introduced the School
Suffrage Bill in a former
Legislature.

There will be "Three Minute
Talks" from well known
citizens and some prominent
women, Miss Alice Boyd,
Mrs. Poark, and others.
The Association will also
be asked for "Three Minute
Talks" and the Comm. hopes
for some free discussion.
There will be a band of
music in attendance.
Reports were given by mem-
bers of the various Com-
mittees, Mrs. Cramer on
Finance; Mrs. Young on
Invitations;

Mrs. Fletcher on Advertising
Mrs. Williams being ill
Mrs. McClintock and Mrs.
Berryman were requested
to take full charge of
Comm. on Opera House
Arrangements. All members
were requested to write to
the Legislators in favor of
the School Suffrage Bill
and to use their personal
influence to make the Mass
Meeting a success.

Adjourned

Rolls taken by

Bessie P. Fairingfield

Sec. pro tem.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 10th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I know you will be glad to hear that the Fayette E.R.A., after a thorough investigation, find that the mandatory law, requiring a woman physician to be appointed for each asylum where there are women patients has not been repealed, either by codification or other means; but that the Attorney General and the Commissioners consider it in full force, though on account of the difficulty of finding women physicians there are now one or two vacancies, one of which is in the Asylum here. Mr. Milward, one of the Commissioners, has asked our E.R.A. to find a woman physician; and says he understands there is no limitation requiring the woman to be a Kentuckian. I am greatly relieved to find the task before us is to retain the ground we already have, rather than to regain lost ground. I consider it important that we shall exert ourselves to find women physicians for these places, or else we may be in danger of having the law repealed in this Legislature. The Woman's Clubs have all along taken an active interest in this measure so naturally I am asking your assistance in finding applicants for this place. The place in the Eastern Asylum, located in Lexington, is that of third assistant; and the salary is eight hundred dollars a year, with board and laundry. When it has been held by a married man, it also includes board for his family. In case of a woman with a dependent member of her family, for instance, a mother or sister, I suppose board might be given for this member, also. But of that I am not certain; and I feel it necessary to send out this letter before taking time to investigate this point or to find information about the other vacancy at

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Hopkinsville Asylum, which I believe exists.

I think this may be an available place for a graduate who has not yet established a practice. I am writing to you, to beg you to make a search for applicants in Louisville, and I shall also write to Newport tonight. I wish to have an answer before Friday of this week, as our E.R.A. meets Friday afternoon; and if we see no hope of securing Kentucky applicants, we shall take steps to place this opportunity before women of other states. Please let me hear, therefore, if you can, if you have any applicant in sight, or if you have any ~~any~~ suggestions to make. I am confident you will see the importance of the situation; and will give any help you can.

We are hoping for a great demonstration in favor of school suffrage on Wednesday night.

Hoping to hear from you before Friday I am

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Ja n. 10th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Riker,

I have received your letter of the 7th inst., and write to say that I have no engagements after this week to prevent my going to Harrodsburg at any time; and I shall not make any others until I hear what date you choose for my coming. I am gratified that I shall have a hearing before the Clubs. It is a sign of advancing sentiment. I thank you for the copy of Dr. Clews' address. I have enjoyed a hearty laugh. Without the evidence of our senses I would not think it possible for any sensible man to put such balderdash in print. There are few things which can be done better calculated to help on the suffrage cause than the distribution of this nonsense. I am glad to know it is being circulated in Harrodsburg.

Under another cover I am sending you Sunday's Herald, with four places marked on the School Suffrage question. Nothing is more desirable than a full discussion of this bill at this time; and as it is being pushed by the Federation of Clubs, it is particularly suitable for discussion at your Legislative Club discussion.

Let me hear as soon as you have decided on your date for my coming. I thank you for your thoughtfulness about my comfort in reaching Harrodsburg; but I am not at all sensitive to cold, and I think it much better that I should depend upon the public wagonette from Burgin rather than try for any unusual hours either of the morning or the evening. So if you hear nothing from me to the contrary you may expect me on a morning train from Burgin.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 10th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I was glad to have your prompt vote about Miss Weis-
singer as Press Superintendent. Though I have heard only from you, Mrs.
Mrs. Roark and Mrs. Cramer, I thought it best to write to Miss Weissinger
today, as we made a majority, and we ought not to delay seizing this
opportunity to get a Louisville woman. When I was at the Board meeting
in New York, at the advice of Mrs. Garper, a vote was taken to disconti-
nue the press syndicate articles except to those press chairmen who par-
ticularly desired them; and it is likely that the Convention, which meets
in Washington the first week in April will vote to stop the expense of
them altogether. The reason given is that the New York papers are giv-
ing so much suffrage news that the smaller papers over the country are
making their own clippings. Of course, this will not be done to any
great extent by large city papers, like those of Louisville, so it is
all the more necessary to have them looked after by resident press women.

Yes; Miss Shaw was in a sanatorium when we held our meetings/ but
not for nervous breakdown. She is still suffering some from her foot,
and that and hard work have disordered her stomach, so that she needed
some nursing and medical care. In a letter received from her today,
she says she will go back to her own lodgings next week, and resume her
usual work.

Now I have some good news to tell you. After a thorough investi-
gation by our Fayette E.R.A. we find our mandatory woman physician law
has not been repealed either by codification or otherwise; and that both

the Attorney General and the Commissioners understand that it is still mandatory, though on account of the difficulty of finding women physicians; there is a vacancy in the Lexington (Eastern) Asylum, and also, I think, in Hopkinsville. I am thankful that we have only to retain our ground, rather than to regain lost ground. Mr. Milward, the Commissioner from Lexington; has asked our E.R.A. to find a woman to fill the place in Lexington, and has said he does not think the law requires the appointee to be a Kentucky woman. I feel that it is important these vacancies should be filled speedily; or else the difficulty of finding suitable women may be made an excuse to have this Legislature repeal the mandatory clause. I have today written to Mrs. Leech, to set the Club women to helping to find applicants, and I want to ask you to see about what you can do at once. The vacancy in the Lexington Asylum is that of third assistant physician; the salary is eight hundred dollars a year and board and laundry. When the incumbent has been a married man, board for his family was also included. I do not know how it would be for a woman; though I think some member of her family, not a husband, might be included in the terms. I have not taken time to investigate this point, or the vacancy in the Hopkinsville Asylum which I believe exists; for I want this letter to go so that I may receive a reply from you by next Friday, if possible; for our E.R.A. meets Friday afternoon, and if we see no possibility of filling these vacancies with Kentucky women we shall take steps to give the opportunity to women of other states. Do you think Dr. Louise Southgate would possibly apply for the position? Let me hear from you, please, and give any suggestions you can.

Now about our Legislative work: I have been called away from home about three weeks of time which I did not expect at our convention. This has made me very much behindhand with the Legislative preparations; and now I feel there is so much to be done helping the Club women with the School Suffrage, with our Congressional Petitions and other opportunities for

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advancing our Association in Ky. which are opening for me that I am sorely in need of advice how to proceed without sacrificing things which may be of more importance than any thing we can hope to secure from the Legislature. I feel that we ought by all means to bring in our Constitutional Amendment to give women full suffrage, as an educational agitation; for we know we could not get it through. What do you think of taking that job yourself, and asking Mr. Withers, of Meade, to bring in such a bill? Mrs. Cramer and I were conferring this afternoon, and she and I wish to go to ^{Frankfort} Lexington as soon as possible for a day and view the situation for ourselves. We want you to come and do some of this work, and Mrs. Cramer told me to say to you that she would go to Frankfort at any time with you that you like. I also will go, if some of the plans I now have in mind do not take me from Lexington at the time. Mrs. Cramer and I think that now the Fayette E.R.A. have not the Woman's Physician's bill on hand, it might undertake the Co-guardianship bill instead. Judge Parker, our circuit judge, is favorable to our law, and Miss Nevill will ask him to draw up the bill. Then, Mrs. Cramer is willing to ask our old enemy, Representative William Klair, to present the bill. If he would do it, and Judge Parker would draw it up, I think that is as fair a chance to get it passed as we have ever had. I cannot screw up the courage to ask Mr. Klair myself. I feel too resentful about his taking school suffrage from us. But I realize his power, and am thankful that Mrs. Cramer is willing to ask him. Now this is positively all I have in sight to do about the legislative work. I think the Newport and Covington Associations should see their legislators, and see what promises of help they can get. Both E.R.A.'s have done good work before, and they ought to try their hand again. Lexington has the advantage of proximity to Frankfort but that is not every thing. O do not know the Louisville E.R.A. well enough to know what we might trust to them. Another legislature we must be more forward in work.

Will you present this subject to the Covington E.R.A.'s and to the Newport E.R.A.? It is so late now that I feel letters from me would be losing time, as they do not answer letters promptly, like you do.

I have been instructed to send in the Congressional Petitions by the first of March. Please send them all to me, as I have undertaken to tabulate them.

I am so relieved about the woman physician that I feel cheerful over our prospects, together with the fact that we have increased so much in membership.

Let me hear, if only a line, what the prospects are about the applicant for the vacancy in the Lexington Asylum; and look out, too, for the vacancy in Hopkinsville.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. Applications ^{may} ~~may~~ be made to the Commissioners in Frankfort; or applications for the place in the Lexington Asylum may be made to Mr. Stanley Milward, Lexington.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 10/10.

My dear Miss Weissinger,

A few days ago, I received a letter from Miss Dolfinger in which she told me of the necessity of her resigning the position of Press Superintendent for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association on account of pressure of other work. Knowing our great desire to have a Press Superintendent in Louisville to look after the influential papers there, she kindly suggested yourself as her successor. You may be sure that all our State Officers were very much gratified at this suggestion. It is part of our necessary routine to submit an election to the Board of Officers by letter and I immediately sent out a vote on receipt of Miss Dolfinger's letter. The replies authorized me to write to you and ask if you will accept the place of Press Superintendent in place of Miss Dolfinger, resigned; and to say that by so doing you will greatly oblige our Board.

I would give some slight suggestions about the work that the position implies, but that I am sure that Miss Dolfinger can do it much better than I and that it will be much more satisfactory to you to confer with her than to receive any written suggestions from me, as I have never done the newspaper work at all.

Hoping that you will accept this position, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Jan. 16, 1910.

My dear Miss Dolfinger,

I have delayed answering your letter of January the 2d, because it is necessary, in appointing a new Press Superintendent, to take the vote of the Executive Officers. I regret exceedingly that you find it impossible to continue as Press Superintendent, but I observed with satisfaction that you have given the work consideration and have thought out a plan for organizing and supervising an effective Press Bureau. I take it for granted that you will consult with Miss Weissinger and that both of you together will manage to get our cause represented in the Louisville Press.

When I was in New York recently at a Board meeting of The National Suffrage Association, on the representation of the National Press Superintendent, Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, it was ~~decided~~ that the syndicate articles should be discontinued except in those cases where the Press Superintendent expressly stated that she desired to receive them. Probably even this amount of help from National Headquarters will cease by the vote of the next National Convention, which will be held in Washington, D. C. the first week in April. It is the opinion of our Press workers that the New York papers give so much discussion and so much Suffrage news that most of the smaller papers throughout the country copy a large number of items

directly from them. As you know, the large city papers, like those of Louisville, are not so apt to follow this method as the smaller cities, and this makes it very necessary that special attention should be given to the newspapers in Louisville.

I am gratified that you have interested yourself in finding a successor to yourself as Press Superintendent; and I shall write to-day to tell Miss Margaret Weissinger that the Board has elected her in your place.

Thanking you for the interest you have shown in the work and trusting that you will continue to act unofficially in conjunction with Miss Weissinger, I am

Very cordially yours,

Diat.

Jan 11th 1910
11046 Scott St.

My dear Miss Clay

I received your letter last Friday and ^{effected} to answer it as soon as I returned from the city. I was on my way to the Cincinnati Court-House when it was handed to me. I happened to be on a car when a lady was roughly handled, and talked to, because she had nothing less than a five dollar bill which she told the conductor to keep if he

Could not change it, but
he insisted on putting her off
the car and it was night and
in a lonely locality where the
motorman said there was only
one house, she was a perfect
stranger to me I had never
seen her, but I stood by her
and others followed suit, she
got judgement for three hundred
dollars. The traction Co. appealed,
it is not settled yet but it
made me forget your letter
until now. Hope the delay
will not be serious.

I vote yes for the Louisville
lady for Press Superintendent

Mrs Worsley has gone to New York and will be in Washington at the time of the conference on divorce. She will speak even if she fails to get a hearing at the meeting of governors. She has asked Lady Keys to postpone the marriage of her daughter, Mrs Worsley's namesake, in order that she may attend both. I hope to go to Washington to the convention. I have a daughter living there. Mr M Laughtin has gone south for his health, my daughter Mrs Stevenson is in Minnesota with her husband for his health, he is taking ^{Treatments} from a noted doctor there, so I have

every thing on my shoulders
here. They are both improving so
I may be able by that time to
take the trip. Have the
petitions been called in? we
have quite a few here.

Perhaps Mrs Giltner will
know about the petitions.

Mrs Reynolds has been ^{and is} about
with her mother all winter.

She had a report prepared
she told me and asked me
to read it. I was surprised
at her resignation. She wanted
to be a member of the Executive
Board.

Lovingly

G. S. M Laughlin

Newport, Jan. 11. 1910

My dear Miss Clay:—

Since receiving your letter this afternoon, I have been telephoning to some of my doctor friends, to find a woman competent to fill the vacancies at the insane asylums.

Through Mr. Southgate, I have heard of a Mr. Lydia Poage, who graduated from the same college as Mr. Southgate & Mr. Roebuck ~~at~~ but several years later. It seems she has always lacked capital enough to start in her profession for herself, and has had to assist other doctors

and has even done nursing. Dr
Merrill Ricketts of Cincinnati,
recommends her very highly;
says she is bright and very
clever. She was with Mr. Ricketts
during her vacations while she
was at college. He gave her
address as follows:

Dr. Lydia Poage
care of Dr. J. S. Wallingford
Paris,

Ky.

If she is not with Dr. Wallingford
now, he can give you her address
I have written to her and
asked to have the letter forwarded
if she was not at Paris, but as

you are so close to Paris, I
thought perhaps you could
telephone and find out sooner.
Dr. Ricketts thinks she would be
just the person for such a position.

As to the legislative work, at
present I see no reason to prevent
going to Frankfort, but I
should be a perfect novice at
the work. I might ^{write} to Mr.

Withers and ask him if he would
present our bill for a constitutional
amendment. I suppose I should
have the bill drawn up, here,
before going to Frankfort. How
long would it be necessary to

stay there and how soon should we go. I should have to be advised at every step and perhaps someone else would do better.

Please let me hear from you more fully as to details. I see by this evening paper that one of our representatives is on the committee for constitutional amendments and a Covington man on the suffrage and elections committee.

I think Mrs. Cramer very brave & forgiving to ask Mr. Blair to present the Co-guardianship bill.

Have already urged our club to see representatives and will go to Covington to do the same.

Very Sincerely,

Emma M. Robuck.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 11th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Biggers,

I do indeed rejoice over the successful filing of your petition. I got the telegram and received your letter this morning. Miss Shaw wrote me that she had informed you of the vote of the Board to give assistance in case there was a special election. This was carried by a unanimous vote. A vote to help even if there was only the general election carried only by a bare majority; so it was not decided not to help; but as the National funds are pre-empted for the South Dakota campaign I do not know that a bare majority will effect much. However, I shall continue to see what I can do with the Board.

I am enclosing a New York draft for two hundred dollars, one the hundred I promised, and another to help just now when no doubt all four women feel worn somewhat, notwithstanding your victory. Both hundreds are the last year's interest of the Bruce fund; and I wish you would receipt to me as receiving two hundred dollars of the Bruce interest.

I shall be glad to hear how your campaign comes on. Shall you try to get Mrs. Boyer in case the National does not promise to help? or shall you depend on your home workers? I shall be so interested in any details you may write.

Give my hearty congratulations to all the workers, and wish you and yours a Happy New Year and a glorious victory at the polls, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 11/10.

My dear Miss Hauser,

I have received your letter of January the 5th. I will do the best I can to write the desired the article on "Woman And Patriotism." I suppose, of course, the subject is to be treated from the Suffrage standpoint. It is well you said that I could have the month to prepare it. For I could not have done it in a shorter time. This is our Legislative year and the Woman's Clubs are working hard on School Suffrage and the E. R. A. is helping unobtrusively, and the E. R. A. is doing some Legislative work of its own.

Yes, I was sorry that to have a chance to talk with you while I was in New York. I hope for better luck next time. With love, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Diet.

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Swarthmore, Pa., January 11th, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board,

I am sorry to have to report to you that after the Board having voted upon my nomination to send Miss Matilda Orr Hays of Pittsburg to South Dakota for press work, and after considerable correspondence with Miss Hays about the matter, and being led to expect that she would leave Pittsburg for South Dakota the latter part of this month, I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Miss Hays in which she tells me:

(a) That some time ago she made a promise to accept a certain position with a Mrs. Dunning, the head of a special music school.

(b) That not having heard from Mrs. Dunning for some months she had not expected anything to result from the matter, but that she felt she ought to write to Mrs. Dunning and had done so after hearing definitely that the Board had elected her.

(c) That she had heard from Mrs. Dunning that Mrs. D. had never relinquished her engagement of her but would postpone the fulfillment of it until May.

Miss Hays offers to go to South Dakota, but it is likely that she would have to return in May to fulfill her engagement with Mrs. Dunning.

I confess I have no words to express my surprise and disappointment in connection with the matter, nor can I excuse Miss Hays for having wasted all this time which the National Board has given to the consideration of it, nor the very considerable time which I have given to the correspondence with her in regard to it. I have written her to-day that I feel very sure the National would not consider sending her to South Dakota at very considerable expense and railroad fare to have her work there just long enough to get hold of the situation and get the work well started and then have to, in all probability, give it up.

I have no other nomination to make in connection with this work. I am writing to-day to Mrs. Tinsley, telling her that Miss Hays will not go, and to ask her whether, in the meantime, she has

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heard of any possible satisfactory press worker among South Dakota women.

Regretting more than I can tell you this fiasco in connection with the South Dakota work, for which I cannot, however, blame myself, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

R. F. Avery.

First Vice President/

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(C O P Y)

NEW YORK STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Headquarters, 505 Fifth Avenue

January 10th 1910

My dear Mrs. Potter

Your note of December the 29th informing me of the invitation of the Official Board of the National Association to become an organizer, was delayed in reaching me. Please extend to the officers my thanks, and say to them that it will be impossible for me to engage in National work at present.

Regretting my inability to accept, I am

Yours very sincerely

(Signed) Harriet May Mills.

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January 12th 1910

Dear National Officers:

The enclosed extracts from a correspondence between an Oklahoma lawyer and Mrs. Belmont may interest you. I am writing to certain club women whom I know personally, in regard to the matter, and if each of you will do the same it might help the cause a little.

A wire from Miss Boutell this morning asks me to change my Detroit date from the 21st to the 25th or 26th. I will inform you later which date is selected.

Sincerely yours

Frances Squire Potter
Cor. Sec.

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January 11th 1910

Dear National Officers

I am enclosing copy of a letter just received from Miss Harriet Mills, in reply to my notification of the action of the Official Board, requesting her to become a National lecturer and organizer.

I have not yet heard from Miss Blackwell in regard to the request of the Board that the Literature Committee make an effort to reduce the printing and forwarding of literature to cost. I understand that Miss Blackwell is still quite ill.

The Belasco Theatre has been hired for the National Convention at Washington, April 11th to 17th, inclusive.

Miss Butlin, the new Chairman of the Transportation Committee, writes me that her work is under way.

I am getting out letters to the different State Presidents in regard to State reports and Resolutions. Also in regard to the action of the Official Board in sending a letter and Resolutions to Commissioner Neill at Washington. Copies of Mrs. Kelley's Resolutions are being sent to all States as a guide to the Resolutions which the States are requested to send to Washington, and an effort is being made to give wide publicity to this action of the Board.

Miss Bartholmy has been notified of her Chairmanship of the Committee on Legislation for Civil Rights.

In accordance with the President's judgment, my proposed trip to South Dakota has been given up for the present. It is thought that possibly Mrs. Stewart and I may go later.

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The Headquarters Secretary is making the experiment suggested, of giving away a reasonable amount of literature for the month of January, and she will make her report the first of February.

I am to-day closing my personal account in the Empire Trust Company, so that if I have the approval of the Board in doing so, I shall be glad to open the Headquarters account before leaving for the West. As our account is not likely to be very large, I feel that the bank is sufficiently well-known to warrant our asking a convenience of it. It is a few doors below us on Fifth Avenue and is easy of access, and I have found the officials courteous and kind.

I have spoken four times on Suffrage since the Board meeting, and am to speak tomorrow at the Strikers' meeting in Philadelphia, on Thursday at the Thirteen Club and on Friday at Columbia University under the auspices of the Men's League. The most interesting meeting since the Board meeting was under the auspices of Mrs. Laddey, President of the New Jersey State Association. Mrs. Laddey and I went together to Passaic, N. J., where there is no organization. An old school friend of mine and a friend of hers who has done strong W. C. T. U. work, are preparing to start a Suffrage Association at Passaic. Our meeting was held at the hospitality of one of the women's clubs, and the President of this club, a Mrs. Welsh, introduced us. The room was full, and Mrs. Laddey hopes that the first inroads into a conservative city have been made.

The usual correspondence goes on increasingly. Debates upon Suffrage are multiplying. I am making a catalog of the debates which come to my attention for the new year, and we are hoping to extend into new fields Convention Suffrage Resolutions.

I shall be very grateful for letters containing suggestions from any member of the Board, and in order that letters may reach me without delay, I wish to give my schedule of dates and addresses during my coming lecture trip. I expect to leave here if possible, Friday night, and go to Elmira for the one day, Saturday. I am to speak there before a working girls' club. The half day's absence from the office on Saturday will give me the opportunity of making a night trip to Elmira rather than a day trip, and on that extra morning in Elmira I expect to have some dentistry done which has been needing attention for a long time. I am trying to make arrangements to speak again in Elmira on Sunday. Then Sunday night, my daughter and I will start West. My dates so far are the following:

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Jan 14

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Port Wayne, Indiana, January 20
Under the auspices of the Woman's Club.
Lecture, "Women and Economics."

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Detroit, Michigan, January 31

Short speech at the banquet given at noon by the Federated Clubs of Michigan. They have declined to permit me to speak on Suffrage, but will permit me to take an educational topic allied to this. In the evening at Detroit, I give a public Suffrage lecture, and in the afternoon, the college girls give a tea for me and probably I shall have another opportunity to speak.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 23

Lecture, "Seekers after Truth", under the auspices of the Women's Literary Club. I am told that I may include Suffrage in this talk.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 29

Under the auspices of the same club, "Boys and Girls in America", a Suffrage talk.

Between these two dates, January 22nd and January 29th, I am planning to speak at various schools in, and in the neighborhood of, Grand Rapids, and to try to interest some friends of the Grand Rapids University Club and the Grand Rapids Literary Club to start a Suffrage club. This will be my longest stay anywhere, and it is a good place to receive mail. My address will be care of Mrs. Charles M. Wilson, South College Avenue, Grand Rapids.

February 2nd the Chicago dates begin. These latter are Suffrage talks.

February 3, under the auspices of the South Side Suffrage Association

February 5, under the auspices of the Political Equality Club, Chicago, and several others under auspices of which I have not been informed, in the neighborhood of Chicago.

My address from February 2nd to February 7th will be care of Mrs. Myra Hartshorn, 6035 Drexel Avenue, Chicago.

I lecture in Dubuque some time between February 7th and February 9th. On February 9th, 10th and 11th, I give three talks under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Duluth, Minn. The first two, "Women and Economics" and "Boys and Girls in America" are Suffrage. The third, "John Milton", is literary. I also shall speak during these same three days before the Suffrage clubs of Duluth, and I now am making arrangements to speak a fifth time before the Minnesota Teachers' Association, which happens to be meeting in Duluth during this same week.

On February 12th, the Minneapolis talks begin, those last from February 12th to February 21st. Three talks will

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be under the auspices of the Northwestern Conservatory of Music. One will be Suffrage, two literary. Three will be under the auspices of the Stanley Hall School for Girls, one, in which I may introduce Suffrage, the other two literary. I shall give a Suffrage talk at the University of Minnesota, the date not settled upon.

My first talk in the East is scheduled for Philadelphia at the New Century Club on February 28th, so between February 21st and 28th, dates are still pending.

My address at Duluth will be care of Mrs. Henry Marshall, 2502 East 5th Street. At Minneapolis, care of Stanley Hall, Pleasant Avenue & 23rd Street.

I shall write later to each member of the Board, either during my trip or immediately at the close of it. While I am away all mail which does not require an immediate answer will be forwarded to me by Miss Peck, whom I am instructing to open and read my mail. Such mail as requires an immediate answer she will answer for me, conferring with Miss Shaw as it may be necessary to do so. I am leaving my mail to date on file, a card catalog giving the correspondence to date with regard to Convention Resolutions, and I am leaving instructions to the Headquarters Secretary with regard to Headquarters matters.

Happy New Year!

Faithfully yours

Frances Squire Potter

Corresponding Secretary

Extract fr. letter to Mrs. Belmont. ^{Jan 12, 1910}

A petition is being circulated asking that an amendment to our constitution, granting suffrage to women, be submitted to the people. Your organization could give material aid to this movement by working through the Federation of Women's Clubs and getting them interested. Heretofore this great organization has stood aloof for fear of being classed with Carrie Nation and her kind. Suggestions from good women in New York whose standing is undisputable will show them this question in a different light.

It may seem egotistical for me to suggest that the women who are leading this movement next may pay a visit to our State and encourage the movement now on foot by simply getting women's clubs interested. I know our State is very small and insignificant when compared to the Empire State, but I know that the place selected for the great movement twenty centuries ago was not Rome, Athens, or any great city, but the despised Nazareth from whence came the truths that have covered the world.

Oklahoma, the ridiculed of the states, whose constitution is the easiest amended, the state where the Puritan and Cavalier are meeting on an equality, may be the chosen spot where the true movement for making by law man and woman equal should originate.

I know that your organization could easily visit Oklahoma with all the comforts of modern travel, private cars and specials, which would be putting them to good use. Our climate in May is ideal. This little city is near the centre of an area described by a body of French surgeons in 1898 in their report, after visiting every section of the world, in the following

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language: "In the United States of America, we found a place the like of which does not exist in the world. On the 100th degree of west longitude, midway between the Red River, in Texas, and the Arkansas River, in Kansas, in the area covered by one hundred miles in every direction, the bacilli of tuberculocis does not nor cannot exist there." That report was true then; it is true now.

Whatever I can do to help this movement is cheerfully promised. My position in the state is very humble,- a farmer and lawyer, holding no office nor aspiring to any. Our party (Democratic) has placed the work of the central committee in the hands of an executive committee of five of which I have the honor to be one, and have a close acquaintance with all our public men and many favor suffrage,- particularly Senator Owen, who tried to have it incorporated in the constitution.

If Oklahoma grants Suffrage, the adjoining states, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and the soon-to-be State, New Mexico, will follow suit, as they have in the bank guaranty initiated in Oklahoma.

Begging pardon for this infliction upon your time and patience, I am,

Sincerely yours

(Signed) D. P. Marum.

David P. Marum
Lawyer
Woodward, Okla

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Jan 12, 1910

David P. Marum
Lawyer
Woodward, Oklahoma

January 7th

Madame

The attached clipping explains itself. Judge Robertson referred to is an announced candidate for the office of Governor.

Governor Haskell has stated a few days ago that he would call a special election, to submit all pending questions to the people. If he does, I prophesy that at our next general election woman will have the right to vote in Oklahoma, that is, if your committee work on the lines outlined in my last letter, and win the woman's clubs of Oklahoma to the cause. The apathy of woman is the only thing that will bring defeat to this movement.

What will New York answer? Our population is two million people, ninety per cent American born. The majority of our adults have been educated in high schools or better. Every state in the union has representatives in Oklahoma.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) D. P. Marum.

To

Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont
New York

Judge Robertson is legal advisor
for the women.

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Lexington, Ky. Jan. 14/10/

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I thank you so much for your prompt answer to my letter about the woman physicians and I will lay ~~your~~ your letter before the Fayette E. R. A. which meets this afternoon.

We had a grand Mass Meeting on Wednesday night, a large audience and stirring speeches from a number of men and women. I suppose you will have good reports of it in the Louisville papers.

Have you noticed that the Oklahoma Suffragists have filed an initiative and referendum petition for Woman Suffrage on January the 6th? This will compel a vote on the question, either at the General Election next November or at a special election this spring. In some correspondence, received at National Headquarters, it appears that some of the Suffragists would like very much to arouse the Club women to an interest in the campaign. I wonder if you know any of the Club women in Oklahoma, and if so, if you feel willing to write them a letter, which might show that the President of the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs is in heart sympathy with the Suffrage movement. Of course, I suppose you could not do this officially, but you know sometimes ~~personal~~ personal letter and an expression of personal feeling has ~~more~~ more effect than an official letter.

I am truly gratified that Col. Stone has accepted the place of Vice President of the Louisville E. R. A., and to know that Judge Henry Barker is so true.

Henry Barker is so thoroughly a believer in Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. Cramer and I went to Frankfort yesterday and Mrs. Cramer secured a promise from W. O. Klair to present a bill for co-guardianship and to give it his best support in the House. Judge A. R. Burnham, State Senator from Madison County, promised to draw up the bill and introduce and support it in the Senate. The General Officers of the Kentucky E. R. A. are its legislative Committee, but we propose dividing our legislative work in this way, now that the woman physicians bill is happily disposed of, we shall ask the Fayette E. R. A. to take charge of the deguardianship bill and we consider yesterday's work a promising commencement for that. We hope that the Covington and Newport Associations, which number among them three of our State Officers, will take charge of the Bill for^a Constitutional Amendment, granting full Suffrage to women. I believe an active campaign in the Legislature for full Suffrage for women will have a very beneficial effect upon the passage of the School Suffrage bill, on the principal that if we ask for much, we may get a little, if we ask for a little we are likely to get nothing. Now we are taking pains that the Legislature shall understand clearly the distinction between the Legislative bill of the Federation and the legislative bill of the E. R. A.

We have assigned the only bills we have as yet determined to take up partly to Newport and Covington, and partly to Covington, because we have State Officers in these two cities, who can and will go to the Legislature, but now I feel that we may miss great strength to any bills which we may present if we do not have the direct participation of the Louisville E. R. A. Now I am so unacquainted with the personnel of the officers of the Louisville E. R. A. that I have considered it advisable to write to you as an individual member of

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the E. R. A., to ask you to confer with your E. R. A. and see what you deem advisable in helping Lexington with the Co-guardianship bill, and especially with helping Newport and Covington with the Constitutional Amendment bill, for we have not yet obtained sponsors in the Legislature. By asking you to undertake this, I hope both to gain of the benefit of your knowledge of the possibilities of the Louisville E. R. A. and also to insure that I shall not ask the Louisville E. R. A. to do any work that might in any way compromise what Louisville is doing for the School Suffrage Bill. I would be glad to have you to convey any part of the tenor of this letter to the Louisville E. R. A. as coming officially from me as time is pressing, and to ask that any suggestions and assistance that your E. R. A. can give for the Constitutional Amendment bill should be sent directly to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 W. Front St. Newport, Ky. instead of to me, which would occasion more or less delay, though I should be very much gratified to have a copy of the same myself at the same time. Though it may not be considered in the Constitutional bill to aim at anything except to strike out the word male in the election clause, yet you know that our Convention has more than once endorsed the educational principle of an educational qualification for women, when they are admitted to Suffrage, even if it is not possible to apply it to men.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 14/10.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I was glad to get your letter of Jan. 11th, with such a satisfactory suggestion of a name of a woman physician, and I will take your letter to the E. R. A. meeting this afternoon.

You will be gratified to hear of the success of the trip of Mrs. Cramer and myself to Frankfort yesterday. Mrs. Cramer saw Mr. Klair and he promised to introduce and support to the best of his ability the co-guardianship bill in the House. He wants the bill to be written so as to present it next Monday. I saw Judge A. R. Burnham, who is the Senator from Madison County, and he promised to draw up the bill for us and to introduce and support it in the Senate. Though he is a Republican, he is on friendly legislative terms with Mr. Klair and I have great hopes of the bill passing with both of these Legislators working for it. Mrs. Cramer and I are greatly gratified with our success.

We tried to see Mr. Withers, but as our stay was short we did not succeed, and we failed to see some others of the Legislators, also.

Since you wrote me that some of your Legislators are on a Committee for Constitutional Amendment and on the Suffrage and elections Committee, I am very strongly in favor of the Newport and Covington Associations working for the Constitutional Amendment bill. I think it has a good effect to have the different parts of the State making special efforts to bring the Suffrage sentiment in their localities to the direct attention of the Legislature. I hope this

letter will reach you in time for you to see your Representatives on Sunday, when I suppose they will be at home and to have the Covington women see their Representatives. Please talk with the Covington ladies over the telephone and come to some combined plan of action. I suppose this interurban telephoning costs something and the expense of it should be charged to the Legislative account. Since I wrote to you I have received replies from both Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Shepard. Of course, it would be very desirable to have these ladies who also belong on our legislative Committee to go to Frankfort also, and I wish that if they will do so, you three would make your plans to that purpose.

While I do not suppose that we can get our Constitutional Amendment bill passed, yet I do think the time is ripe for agitating it in our Legislature as a means of education. The bill needed is very simple, requiring only the striking out of the word "male" in the election clause of the Constitution. Our Convention you know, has advocated the educational qualification for women voters and if a friend who is willing to introduce the bill prefers to add the educational qualification for women, while leaving the present qualifications for men as they are, our Association has no objection.

You asked when you would be expected to go to Frankfort. This would depend upon the time at which you could get the bill introduced. Your Legislator could get it printed and referred to a Committee. Mr. Blair wants us to come and speak to the Committee on the Co-guardianship bill. You and our Covington ladies should tell your Legislators you will come to Frankfort whenever it is desirable that you should do so. Your Legislators, if you get one of them to introduce the bill, will then tell you when they need you there. If you don't get any of your Legislators to introduce the bill, then I think it ad-

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visable that you, and Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. McLaughlin, if they will come, to go to Frankfort as soon as possible and stay until you find someone who will introduce it. If either Mrs. Shepard or Mrs. McLaughlin will go with you, you will be independent of us in Lexington. though we are ~~willing~~ go at any time when we can be useful. If neither of these ladies will go with you, you can depend upon Mrs. Cramer or myself or both of us going at any time you may desire.

I have made these suggestions, because you asked me to do so in your letter, but I feel that if the Newport and Covington Associations accept the charge of the Constitutional Amendment bill you should be perfectly free to manage it just as you think best.

Did I write to you that Miss Virginia P. Robinson, 1710 Rosewood, Louisville is the new president of the Louisville E. R. A. I wish we could interest the Louisville E. R. A. in the Constitutional Amendment bill, as it will be principally an educative measure, I think it well if they could be brought into line for helping it as soon as possible. There is splendid material in Louisville, and we must begin to utilize it.

Please write to me what you do over Sunday, and I will keep you in touch with what is going on at this end of the line.

Thanking you for your prompt answer about the woman physician,

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Very cordially yours,