

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 21st, 1910.

My dear ~~Mr.~~ White,

You will be glad to learn that our Co-guardian-ship bill passed in both Houses with a good majority, and is now in the hands of the Governor awaiting his signature, and we confidently expect that he will sign it. ~~Very~~

We have added some hundreds to our number of members after our Convention in Louisville, and are therefore entitled to ten delegates. I write to notify you that you are one of the duly elected delegates. I am enclosing you some information in regard to the Convention. I hope you will certainly go. I would be glad if you will let me know if you are going, because if you are not, I should ~~like~~ be an alternate.

Hoping to see you in Washington, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Diet.

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.*

Lexington, Ky. May 21, 1910.

Dear Member of The Executive Committee,

I have the glad news to report to you that our Co-guardianship bill passed both Houses and is now in the hands of the Governor, awaiting his signature. From the conversation Mrs. Cramer and I had with him we are confident that he will sign it. I have received word from Mrs. Upton that Kentucky, having paid dues for 901 members, we are entitled to ten delegates in addition to the Member of the Executive Committee and the President. I enclose the list of the delegates and alternates in the order in which they were elected. I know of several who will not go and I think there will be room for adding to those who were elected. I am very happy to say that Mrs. Mary C. Roark writes to me that she expects to go to Washington, and I now propose her name as another alternate or delegate if our list is not completed out of those elected in Louisville. Will you please examine the list and send me either the acceptance or declination of any whose intention you know?

Very cordially yours,

Diet.

Laura Clay.

500 E. Winchester Ave., Ashland, Ky.

March 21/1910.

My dear Miss Clay:

I was pleased to hear of the passage of the co-guardianship bill. The fact that it was needed helped us to get many names to the petition. Perhaps the fact that you have succeeded in having the law passed will help us more.

I wish, very much, that I could attend the Washington meeting, but at present it seems to be impossible; so please notify the proper alternate.

After the success of the insurgents, I should not be surprised if our prayer were granted. I wish that I could be there at the presentation of the great petition. They must see that they have to yield some time. Why not now?

At our annual E.R.A. meeting I was elected president and will try to build up the organization here, but I know that I can not give more time and thought to it than Mrs. King has done, and can not say what can be done until we try.

Yours sincerely

Laura R. White

Lexington, Ky. Mch. 21/1910.

My dear Miss Robinson,

I know you will be greatly gratified that our Co-guardianship bill passed both the Houses by a good vote. It is now in the hands of the Governor, and Mrs. Cramer and I think it is certain to receive his signature.

You know that you were elected as one of the delegates to the N. S. T. S. A. Convention. I enclose some information relative to it. Please let me hear whether you are going because if not, I would like to notify an alternate. If you go I shall probably send you your certificate, but if I should fail to do so it will be all right as I shall have it to hand for you in Washington.

Very cordially yours,

Diet.

Lexington, Ky.,

March 21, 1910.

Mr. P. H. Ryan,
Danville, Ky.

Copy

My dear Mr. Ryan:-

I will enclose some material on our campaign for school suffrage in Kentucky and will send your letter to Miss Laura Clay of this city for some material on the full suffrage movement.

There is a history of the woman's suffrage movement by Miss Anthony which you can probably get in your Library and which you will find full of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Diet:

Lexington, Ky. Mch. 21, 1910.
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My dear Mrs. Hubbard,
My dear Miss Laura,

I have not heard from you for a long time; I received the articles of Mrs. Head and will but your old friends remembered you at our Convention in Louisville, try to have them printed. and elected you in our list of delegates and alternates to represent us in the Washington Convention. I am enclosing ~~xxx~~ some information in regard it. I hope that you can go, and that you will write to me that you are going, and I wish you would please let me know, for so that I may send you your credentials in good time. If you do not receive them at home it will make no difference as I will have them ready for you in Washington. bill passed both Houses by a good majority and is now in the hands of the Governor, whom we confidently expect to sign it. We did some good legislative work in the Legislature as we have finally succeeded in getting our bill of Co-guardianship for minor children passed. It went through both Houses by a good majority and is now awaiting the signature of the Governor, which we are confident he will affix.

Hoping that your health is good and that I shall certainly see you in Washington, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Lexington, Ky/ Mch. 22, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Field,

Have you ever been notified that you were one of the members who was elected to represent the Kentucky E. R. A. in the National Woman Suffrage Association Convention to be held in Washington? I do not know whether our Secretary has notified you, but as I have received the credential blanks from Mrs. Upton, I am writing to find out what delegates will go. I am enclosing some information about the Convention in regard to dates etc. I hope that you will be able to go. Please let me hear from you, because if you do not go I ought at once to try to find some one to fill your place.

You will be glad to know that yesterday Governor Willson signed our Equal Rights bill for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children.

Hoping to see you in Washington, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

March 22nd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Jennings,

I have this moment received your letter, and I lose no time in sending a small assortment of leaflets, from which you may glean about all the prominent facts of the status of Woman Suffrage. I do not know on which side Mr. Hunter will be; but I think a good answer to those women who object is that the right given to women who want it will not impose any burden upon those who do not, as they can abstain from voting, if they choose. I would also call particular attention to the fact that equal suffrage is a growing cause; and that states and countries have extended it after abundant opportunities to see its working. Notice that the Australian provinces have one after the other, at intervals of years, extended it.

I send a Congressional document, franked,. Please look in the Hearing before the Senate for my little speech, and my view of the difference between Antis and suffragists being one of method only.

I am glad to hear from you; and wish you had mentioned something of Albert and Mr. Jennings. Please remember me to both of them.

Very cordially yours,

Louisville. mch 22, 1910

my dear miss clay:

I know you will be interested in the enclosed clipping. The Governor signed the bill last Thursday.

I thank you for all the assistance you gave me.

very cordially yours
Fannie Costman Rawson

#10-2-2 to First St.

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You will be glad to know that yesterday Governor ~~James~~ signed our Equal Rights Bill for the Co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children.

Hoping to see you in Washington, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dict.

1710 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

March 23, 1910.

My dear Miss Day,

I am so glad to hear that the cognateanship has passed.

I find it impossible for me to get to the Convention. Miss West is in Louisville now and planning to go to the Convention and Mrs.

Nield has about decided to go too.

If you should have room for an extra delegate and would

notify Mrs. Nield I think she

would be sure to go.

I have had to ask Mrs. Field to take up the matter of the prize essay. I found that such a suggestion coming from one of the teachers was doomed to meet with utter discouragement. After I had been convinced of this by the Principal of my school, I asked Mrs. Field to try.

Thinking it might meet with more favor coming from outside the school. Mr. Bartholomew is not yet persuaded, but she

And Mrs. Weaver are still trying to
get his consent.

Professor Potter will speak in Louisville
for the Woman Suffrage Association on
Friday evening, May 20, will you announce
this to the Lexington Association? I
thought perhaps some of you would
be able to come at this time as it is
just after the Bazaar in Cincinnati.

Very sincerely,

Virginia P. Robinson.

JOHN T. GUNN,
P. O. Box 412
LEXINGTON, KY.

Ans. March 24th 1910.

Lexington, Ky. Mar 23, 1910

Miss Clay: I have been told that Gen Cassius M. Clay at one time owned a printing office and published a newspaper in this city, advocating freedom and universal suffrage, and that his press was destroyed by a mob.

Please inform me when that occurred and tell me the name of the newspaper he issued.

Very respectfully
John T. Gunn

Lexington, Ky. Mch. 24, 1910.

Miss Pauline S. Townsend,

New Orleans, La.

Dear Madam:-

In accordance with your request of Mch: 5th, I take pleasure in sending you a partial list of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. I am not able to send anything like a complete list of any except the Lexington, Nicholasville, Versailles, Paris, and Grayson Associations; but I send the address of the Presidents with whom you can correspond if you desire more names.

Very truly yours,

Dict:

[Mar 24, 1901]

Grayson Club, E. R. A.
Mrs. Frank Powers, Grayson, Ky.
" W. C. Holcomb, " "
" Alice Rucker, " "
" Annie Crawford, " "
" Earl Holcomb, " "
Mr. Frank Powers, " "
Mr. John C. Riley, " "

I have not a list of the members of the Ashland Association, where we have a large organization, but if you write to Miss Laura R. White, Winchester St. Ashland Ky. You can obtain same.

We have an organization at Covington, Ky. You can write to Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, 1554 Madison Ave. or to Mrs. M. S. McLaughlin, 1046 Scott St. Covington, Ky. for a complete list.

We have a large club at ~~Paris~~ ^{Madison} Ky. Madison, County. You can write to Mrs. Sarah C. Bennett, Richmond Ky. for a list of members.

Louisville E. R. A.
Miss Virginia P. Robinson, 1710 Rosewood, Lou. resident.
Mr. & Mrs. John D. White, 169 Crescent Ave. "
Mrs. John Little, 618 Floral Terrace, "
Mrs. John B. Castleman, "Castlewood" Louisville.
Miss Mary Dollinger, 1901 12th Sts. Lou.
Miss Elizabeth ~~Robinson~~, 227 Cypress St. "
Mrs. Alma Bergman, Lou. Post Office. "
Dr. Della Hertzsch, 112 E. College St. "
Dr. ~~James~~ Ingram, 839 3d. Ave. "
Dr. Anna Lawrence, " " "
Mrs. Caroline A. Leech, 1249 1st. St.
Mrs. Sarah Webb Henry, 1740 1st. St.
Mrs. ~~George C. Avery~~, 2466 3d. Ave.
Mrs. J. B. Judah, 1124 Everett St.

Other names you can get by addressing Miss Virginia P. Robinson, 1710 Rosewood, Louisville, Ky.

May 24, 1910

Mrs. Lou S. Frazee, 618 N. Bdwy.
 Mrs. Susan T. Fletcher, 318 Madison Place.
 Mrs. Sallie L. V. Gratz, 248 Market St.
 Mr. H. H. Gratz, " " "
 A. R. Gaines, Muir, Ky.
 Mrs. Mary C. Garth, 304 W. 3d.
 Mr. Alan P. Gilmour, Lex.
 Miss Grace Gilbert, 628 W. High.
 Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson 631 E. Main.
 Mrs. S. T. Harbison, 281 S. Lime.
 Mrs. Lee Huffman, 417 W. 3d.
 Dr. Lee Huffman, " " "
 Anna L. Holloway, 182 E. High.
 Josephine D. Hunt, N D.
 Mrs. Ida Withers Harrison, 530 Elm Tree Lane.
 Catherine Harrison, 702 Central Ave. Mrs.
 Mrs. George R. Hunt, 328 E. Lime.
 Mrs. Thomas B. Hoy, 119 Washington Ave.
 Miss Phillie C. Hughes, Nelson County, Bloomfield, Ky.
 Margaret Heatley, 371 Hanover St.
 Miss Helen Hutchcraft, Paris, Hamilton College.
 Miss Mary K. Harrison, 137 E. 4th.
 Mary S. Hamilton
 Mrs. Nannette C. Harris.
 Mrs. J. Fletcher Johnston, Lex. Ky.
 H. C. G. Johnstone,
 F. B. Johnstone Lex. R. F. D.
 Mrs. Elizabeth W. Johnston, Lex. R. F. D.
 Mr. W. S. Kinkad, 427 W. 2d.
 Barton S. Kinkad, " " "
 Elizabeth F. Kinkad, " " "
 Eleanor T. Kinkad, 423 W. 2d.
 Elizabeth S. Kinkad, " " "
 Mr. Shelby Kinkad, 466 W. 6th.
 Alice C. Kinkad, " " "
 Miss Annie Noble, 511 W. Short.
 Mrs. Clarence Lebus, Lex.
 Mrs. Mary Lutstorf, West Main.
 Miss Vivian Lutstorf,
 Miss Anna Loughlin, 316 W. High.
 Miss Elizabeth Loughridge, 330 N. Bdwy.
 Miss Rizzie A. Lyle, 312 Walnut St.
 Brilla May Lloyd, 419 W. 6th.
 Mrs. Mary Norton G. Norton, Lex.
 Mrs. Irene T. Myers, Hamilton College.
 Mrs. George V. Morris, 451 W. 3d. Mr.
 Mr. " " Morris, " " "
 Mrs. Mary L. Moore, 239 N. Bdwy.
 Mrs. John Morgan, 502 S. Bdwy.
 Miss H. H. McDowell, "Ashland" Lex.
 Miss Anna Clay McClay McDowell, E. Main.
 Mrs. L. F. Mahn, 618 W. Main St.
 Mrs. Annie L. Martin, 468 E. Lime.
 Miss Grace Martin, " " "
 Mrs. W. R. Milward, 456 W. 3d.
 Ernestine L. Miller, Sayre Inst.
 Mrs. John McClintock, Lex.
 Sarah E. Marshall, 600 Rose St.
 Sarah McGarvey, 442 Fayette, Park

E. Mar 24, 1910

Mrs. Katherine McClelland, 200 E. Upper.
 Miss Emily McClelland, " " "
 M. " Margaret McClelland " " "
 " George McClelland, " " "
 " Mary McClelland, " " "
 Mrs. Sophie R. Neill, 624 Elmore,
 Virginia A. Neville, 3d. & Bdw. Danville, Ky.
 Miss Florence Norton, 223 E. Bdw.
 Roberta Newman, Lexington, 417 E. Dime. Miss
 Miss Linda Neville, 722 E. Main.
 " Mary Neville, " " "
 Mrs. Will D. Oldham, 390 S. Bdw. Ark.
 Mr. Will D. Oldham, " " " "
 P. T. O'Neill, 198 Loudon.
 Mrs. Katherine McGoodwin Owsley, 352 Market St.
 J. T. Pryor, Lex.
 Mrs. Mary Mc. Peter, 268 E. Maxwell
 Mrs. Wellington Payne, 210 W. 2d.
 Mrs. Pickliffe Preston, 200 Market St.
 Miss Margaret Preston, " " "
 Anna G. Prewitt, 646 Central Ave.
 Petitia D. Peter, Lex.
 Miss Katherine Pettit, Lex.
 Col. T. D. Pickett, Campsie Place, Lex.
 Mrs. Nellie Hopkins, 183 Barr St.
 Mrs. Kate G. Reid, 201 N. Hill St.
 Miss Zoe Bassett, " " " "
 Miss Carolyn Roseberry, Hamilton College.
 Mrs. Sam J. Roberts, Lex.
 Mrs. Sam J. Roberts,
 Miss Margaret Rupert, 173 Woodland Ave.
 H. H. Roberts, W. D. 218 E. Bdw.
 Mrs. H. H. Roberts, " " "
 Charles Lee Reynolds, 276 S. Dime.
 H. S. Reed, Lex.
 Russell Robinson, Loudon, Ky.
 Cosette Shelton, Hamilton College.
 Mrs. Stephen S. Swift, 201 Constitution.
 Miss Gabriella M. Swift, " " "
 " Mary Swift, " " "
 Mrs. Susan Hart Shelby, 324 Walnut St.
 Miss Lucy Shelby, " " "
 Geo. W. Sprague, 850 S. Bdw.
 Marion S. Sprague, " " "
 Mrs. Percy Scott, W. 2d. St.
 James T. Tuthill, Lex. State University.
 Orrin Percy Smith, Trust Co. Bldg.
 Mrs. M. L. Smith, 116 W. High.
 Miss Emma R. Shaw, 457 2d. St.
 Joshua P. Shaw, " " "
 Mrs. Kate L. Spears, Washington & Rose.
 Mrs. Nellie M. Stucky, 903 E. Main.
 Mrs. Luella T. St. Clair,
 J. C. Shropshire, Lex.
 Mrs. Caroline T. Scott, 371 E. Dime.
 Mrs. Robert Thornton, 371 E. "
 Mrs. Frances C. Thomas, 314 W. 3d. E. L. Threlkeld, 230 S. Dime.
 W. L. Threlkeld, 230 S. Dime.

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Lelia E. Tucker, 349 Madison Place.
 George W. Vaughn, 812 Trust Bldg.
 John T. Vance Jr. Lex.
 Mrs. W. S. VanMeter, 219 E. High,
 Margaret L. VanMeter, " " "
 Martha Van Meter, 262 N. Bldg.
 Nannie B. Voorhies, 181 E. Hill St.
 O. I. Williamson, 226 McClelland Bldg.
 E. H. Wiley, Lex.
 Jos. S. Woolfolk, Lex.
 Mrs. James C. White, 158 E. Maxwell,
 Lottie Webb, 507 S. 7th.
 Mrs. Roger Williams, 803 E. Main.
 Jessie B. Whitmore, 44 Barr St.
 Mary Shelby Wilson Lex.
 Ada L. Willett, 158 N. Upper
 Mrs. Carrie F. Walton, 462 E. 3d.
 Clara Belle Walton, " " "
 Henrietta A. Wilson, Danville, Ky.
 Prof. A. C. Tembrod, W. 4th St.
 Mrs. A. C. Tembrod, W. 4th St.
 Miss Fannie Webster, 627 E. Bldg. Lela Jancey, 420 W. 6th
 George Young, 120 E. 3d.

Elizabeth Scearce, Nicholasville, Ky.
 T. B. Shrelkold, " "
 Mrs. J. P. Turner, " "
 Mrs. Kate Dorman, " "
 Rose Dorman, " "
 Mrs. Nannie P. Fish, "
 " H. S. Waide, "
 S. A. McDowell, "
 Mrs. Susan T. Wagner, "
 Mrs. Emma C. Miller, "
 Mrs. Jerry Combs, "
 Mrs. Minor Cannon, "
 Mrs. Sarah Corrington, "
 Ed. Bennett, "
 J. P. Turner, "
 T. B. Damarce, Filmore,
 A. C. Miler, Nicholasville.
 Mrs. A. A. Bowmar, Versailles.
 Mrs. Russell Railey, "
 Mande Bowmar, "
 Virginia B. MacBride, "
 Bettie S. Crow, "
 Lucy M. Thornton, "
 Wm. Hyall Paris,
 Mrs. James Edwards Cantrill, Georgetown.
 Miss Lottie Fox Daysville.
 E. A. Clore, Crestwood, Oldham Co.
 Dr. J. H. McCormick, Bowling Green.
 Mrs. Eva Stevenson Cable,

C. Mar. 24, 1910

Fannie M. Anderson, 159 Georgetown St.
Sarah H. Allen, 169 N. Hill St.
Mary A. Ballard, 227 N. Upper St.
Garland Barr, 340 Madison St.
Mrs. Annielyle B. Barnes, 568 N. Bdwy.
Fred T. Ballard,
Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, Versailles Pike.
Alicia Byrnes, 163 Walnut.
Mrs. L. W. Burton, 436 W. 6th.
Mr. C. W. Bean, 313 E. Limestone,
Ellen Blanding, 548 Central Ave.
Bill Combs, Combs Lumber Co. Lex.
Margaret W. Brown, 242 Market St.
Mary Mason Brown, 242 Market St.
E. K. Buller, 185 N. Hanover.
Sarah G. Botts, 128 E. 4th
J. E. Bassett, 238 W. Main.
Mrs. Lucy B. Blackburn, Central Ave.
H. Spencer Brooker,
James P. Headley,
Jennie Withers Smith,
Fatherine Headley,
Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Linden Walk.
Mr. Desha Breckinridge, Linden Walk.
Mrs. Nannette McD. Bullock, August A. Bablitz
August A. Bablitz, 950 Manchester St.
Mrs. Pettie M. Barkley, 166 Walnut.
Mr. C. H. Berryman, Elmendorf,
Mrs. C. H. Berryman, Elmendorf.
Rev. Mark Collis, Fayette Park.
Betsy Cloud, 178 N. Hill St.
Mrs. Louise L. Campbell, 457 W. 4th.
Dr. J. C. Carrick, 338 W. 2d.
Mrs. J. C. Carrick, 238 W. 2d.
Mrs. S. G. H. Chenault, 461 N. Limestone.
Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, 118 N. Hanover Ave.
Mr. F. A. Cramer, 118 N. Hanover Ave.
Dr. P. E. Clarke, W. 2d.
Mrs. Mary Rogers Clay, 418 E. 6th.
Miss Isabel Clay, 445 W. 3d.
Miss Eleanor Coleman, 376 S. Bdwy.
Mrs. Mark Collis, Fayette Park.
Miss Laura Gravens, 239 Kentucky Ave.
Mrs. Laura Gravens, Ludlow Ky.
Miss Elizabeth B. Combs,
Juliet Parker Dangerfield, Castleton,
Cleary Jay Dangerfield, Castleton,
Bessie E. Dangerfield, Castleton,
M. G. Dangerfield, Castleton.
Rebecca I. Gray, Castleton.
Mrs. Margaret K. Darnall, Weston Inn.
Sallie E. Daly, 128 E. High.
Annie Dillard, 118 Constitution.
R. C. Estill, Winchester Pike.
Mrs. Armie Estill, Winchester Pike.
Dean W. T. Capers, W. 2d. St.
Mrs. Frank G. Carter,
Mr. J. E. Cassidy, 146 E. Maxwell.
Mrs. David C. Frost, 415 W. 3d.

[Mar 25, 1910]

Dear Miss Clay -

Thank you
sincerely for your
kindness in sending
me the Equal
Suffrage Move-
ment -

Respectfully,

P. H. Ryan -

Danville, Ky.

POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



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

Newport, March 25, 1910

My dear Miss Clay: -

An apology is certainly due to you from me for not answering your letter before this, but this has been impossible. My daughter has been very seriously ill the last five weeks, and it took all my time, day & night, nursing her. The doctors say she is doing nicely now, but still requires a great deal of care, and I am almost broken down myself. I am afraid my going to the convention is out

of the question entirely.

The finished minutes have been here in the house for over two weeks, and I have not found time to send them out. I will send you a hundred today, by express. The others I will send out in a day or two. Mrs Shepard was ill with grip in January and February and that is what delayed their printing. I think she is or was last week, up in Ohio where her daughter is to take up her permanent residence. I saw Mrs Gilmer some time

ago, and she told me then that she
did not expect to go to the convention,
but may have changed her mind by this time.

I am delighted to know that our
Co-guardianship bill has passed and
hope the governor has signed it by this
time. I am sorry to say there are
two or three mistakes in the
minutes, but not very serious, except to
call Miss Weisinger, Mrs. Weisinger, and
not give Mrs. Gilmer any title.

Please let me hear from you soon
again.

Very sincerely

Emma M. Robuck.

Mar 29, 1910

I.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association won a notable success in its legislative work in the passage of the law for Co-guardianship of Father and Mother of Minor Children. The bill was drawn by Judge A.R. Burnam, state senator from Madison County; and was ably supported by him in the Senate; and by Representative Wm. Klair in the House. It passed both Houses by a good majority, and when it became law by the signature of Gov. Augustus S. Willson a blot upon the civilization of Kentucky was wiped out; for the old law had all the worst features of the old Common Law on the subject, which have caused some conspicuous tragedies in other states before similar laws were repealed.

The Ky. E. R. A. was an ally with the Federation of Woman's Clubs in its effort to secure School Suffrage for all women who can read and write. The federation is working for this franchise as part of its endeavor to improve the school conditions of the state. It secured the endorsement of the leading educators of the state and of practically all the women's and educational associations; but the liquor interests are opposed to even this small fragment of women suffrage, and defeated the bill.

Our paid-up membership has nearly doubled during the year. This is partly attributable to the month's excellent work done in the state by the National organizer, Miss Perle Penfield; and to the great increase of the Louisville Association, following the state convention held there. The interest of the young college is particularly gratifying. Miss Margeret Weissinger of that city is now our Press Superintendent; and under her management our cause is obtaining a hearing in the Louisville papers hitherto difficult to reach. The newspaper press throughout the state is, as a general thing, very liberal in its attitude to our movement.

Laura Clay.

Leington, Ky.

March 29th, 1910.

My dear Miss Hauser,

I enclose a little report for the newspapers of our Ky.E.S.A., as you asked me.

I have received the enclosed letter for the Who's Who Publishing Co. Do you know anything about it? I thought if it is a good publication I might comply with its request and take a copy. As they have written me twice, and I ought to make some reply, please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very cordially yours,

VOTES FOR WOMEN
Oklahoma Woman Suffrage Association

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, *March 22*, 191*2*

*Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.*

Dear Miss Clay:

I want to explain to you the position we are in here and ask your advice.

How to win out here, that is put up a good campaign here - and if we ^{can} do so, feel sure of coming out victorious, we must have some help financially from the National - of course we are grateful for Mrs. Boyer's salary and expenses, and shall hold on to Mrs. Boyer - though the National go against us: and what I would like your advice about is this. Mrs. B. says that she can give so much to the campaign or stand her expenses in Washington - I have felt perhaps that if she

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would go to the convention she could help to secure for us much more than we would get if she was not there to explain conditions. I wish you would write us whether you think better for her to go or not; we also talked about sending for you to come on a few days before you started for the convention - as we feel if some of the board could only see and know the conditions here before going to Washington, they surely would believe we were going to win. I do so wish we had the money to do all of this ourselves and not have to ask for help from anyone.

Another thing I would like to ask you about - confidentially is this - Would the National dislike to have "Bell Kearney" come into the state for us I do not know that she could come now - and do not want to make trouble. Because we must have the National's help first. One year ago she offered to come for support.

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her expenses being paid from her own
collections - as I remember it; but of
course by this time she may have
had her work for the year all mapped
out;

again about the convention our own
ladies have felt that they could not
do as much with the "National" as yourself
and Mrs. Boyer - and that they perhaps
had better put their money in on the
campaign work.

Will look for an answer from you
soon either to Mrs. Boyer or myself -

Thanking you again for all you
have done for us.

With the kindest regards -

Ruth A. Gay

207 1/2 W. Main

Of course when we talked of your
coming we thought - we, or intended
to stand your expenses from Lexington
- here and back. Tell us what you think
of all of these plans -

R. A. G.

March 30 - 1910 -

BONNYCOT.
ANCHORAGE, KY.

My dear Miss Clay -

Ho. I did not know that I had been elected a delegate to go to Washington. I wish I might go - but it will be quite impossible. I am interested, but cannot do all that I would. Suffrage work is bringing out fine workers in Souisville as well as all over the rest of our country and the world & my growth is great.

Mother would ask to be remembered if she were here. She is making a little visit to my brother in town just now. She is very well.

With sincere good wishes for you and the work.

Helena Avery Robinson -

National-American Woman Suffrage Association

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March 31, 1910

Miss Laura Play,
Pres. Kentucky Woman Suffrage Assn.
Dear Miss Clay:

A Hearing on behalf of our proposed amendment to the National Constitution will take place on Tuesday, April 19th at 10 A. M. In the Senate this Hearing will be before the Judiciary Committee. This is the first time we have ever escaped from being side-tracked and having to have our Hearing before the Special Committee on Woman Suffrage in the Senate.

Kentucky's member of the Senate Judiciary is *Hon. Thomas H. Paynter*, and I hope you can take the time to get a number of women (the more the better) to write to *Mr. Paynter* telling him of the Hearing, and asking him to make a special point of being present. This Hearing will be held by a sub-committee of the main committee, and it is possible that *Mr. Paynter* may not be selected as a member of the sub-committee, but that does not matter. If so disposed, he can attend the Hearing, and we are anxious that he be urged to do so.

Some people think that letters from individual women avail nothing with men in politics. A few years ago this might have been true, but it is no longer so. Do not fail to help in this way in connection with the amendment.

Cordially yours,

Rachel Foster Avery

P. S.--These letters will have more effect if they do not reach your Senator until a few days before the Hearing.

Lexington, Ky.

March 31st, 1910.

Dear Dr. Gay,

I received your letter of the 29th inst. this morning; and I am complying at once with your request for advice on the various points asked, though I feel that after all your own women must decide them.

In the first place I doubt very much if Mrs. Boyer could get any more money from the National by going to Washington, and therefore I think it would be better not to spend the money to go. It is hard for Mrs. Boyer to realize how poor the National is; for at the time of the Oregon campaign the National had in reserve about fifteen thousand dollars from legacies, which it had held in reserve for campaigns. All these were spent in that campaign, besides what could be raised for it in particular. Then there was no other campaign on hand. Now the National has no reserve fund. It had promised to help South Dakota before it knew that Oklahoma would have a campaign; and it also has helped some in the Washington campaign, which was ahead of yours. Besides this, the work in states where there are no campaigns is very active, so that the friends who used to give for National purposes are giving their money to their own states. The fact is, the National has not the money to give, and is now straining its resources to donate Mrs. Boyer's ~~expenses~~ expenses. Of course, I know it will cause you disappointment and perhaps discouragement to know these facts but I am speaking plainly, as I think I ought to. It might be that at some time some one or more persons might give for your campaign; but I do not know to whom to apply, and unless Mrs. Boyer does, I do not see what she could gain by going to Washington. As for my coming to Oklahoma to see the

conditions, that would be a useless expense, as I am just as thoroughly convinced of the importance of pushing the campaign in Oklahoma as I can be and I shall do every thing I can to get help for you when I go to Washington. But I am a very poor money-raiser, and you can count only on my goodwill. Many of the members of the Official Board take a very pessimistic view of your chances for success, either at a special or general election. It is a fact of history that no constitutional amendment has carried in any state ^{at a General Election} where the requirement was that the vote should be a majority of the votes cast at the election; and by study of your Constitution, this appears as the requirement in your state at any election. For it is a matter of experience that the voters cannot be got to vote on the amendment as numerously as they do on other questions; and even if you got the majority on your measure it would not be a majority cast in the election. Of course, you see the hopeful side; but the National had fought several campaigns where every sign was promising, and then failed; and so there is no way of convincing them that this time the result will set a new precedent. I do not tell you these things to discourage you in your hopes of success; for I think your chance is well worth straining every nerve for; but I tell you so that you may understand that it is not for want of will that the National is not giving more help, but that simply it has not the money, and has not the helpfulness ^{to beg} which might encourage its friends to make a great and special effort for your state.

Now as to Miss Kearney. I know of no reason whatever the National would have ^{to object} to Miss Kearney's helping in your campaign. I believe the Association is on thoroughly good terms with her. I am not sure that the N.C.T.U. is. Somewhere or some time I believe she is thought to have been lacking in discretion in ~~stirring~~ stirring up antagonism. But I do not know about that. I do not think you could have any hope of the National helping you to pay Miss Kearney, for she has never been on our list of regular speakers, and it is not a favorable time, as I have explained, to begin to enlarge

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the list. She is far better known as a W.C.T.U. and temperance speaker than as a suffrage speaker; and she is intensely southern in her sentiments and utterances. Some of her best friends think she is sometimes too impulsive in her speeches.

I think you had better have Mrs. Boyer and your officers write good, strong letters to be read at the Convention, stating the whole circumstances about your campaign, saying exactly what is your election law on the point I have mentioned, and stating all the encouraging signs which give you hope. It seems your own officers are in doubt what your constitution requires, as in one of her letters Mrs. Biggers writes that she understands that only a majority of the votes cast on the measure, and not the majority cast at the election, are required to win. If you still hold this opinion please state your authority for it, for we have the Oklahoma Constitution, and our reading of it gives us the other impression. I hope before the Washington convention that your case will have been passed upon by the Courts, so that the legal standing of your petition will be known.

Whatever happens, you may be sure of my warm interest, and that I will do what I can for your campaign.

Please remember me to all my suffrage friends and believe me

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you very much for the copy of the Kentucky report.

Replying to your inquiry about "Who's Who" Among Women; I do not know whether this is connected with Who's Who in America; the latter is what one might call a standard publication and gives short biographies of prominent men and women throughout the United States. The publishers of the last number that I saw, however, were Chicago people. They may have transferred their offices to New York, or may have a branch office here. Then, too, the "Who's Who Among Women" may have no connection with either, but I am inclined to think it is the same company and believe, as a reference book, you would find it helpful. I am returning the letter.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth J. Houser
Vice-Chairman.

EJH/KBOB

DR. B. STANTON,
931 DAYTON STREET.

Cincinnati, March 31st 1900.

My dear Miss Clay,
I am so jubilant over your victory
in getting co-guardianship in
Kentucky, I must write to tell
you. It makes me happy.
The men of Kentucky may be
more proud of their women
now than ever before, since
they have had the spirit
and perseverance to get rid
of that odious law giving fathers
the sole legal right to the children.
And now I should think the
men could look the women
in the face without shame

DR. B. STANTON,
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since they have at last done them
this justice. It is monstrous that
the women who bear and rear
the children have no legal rights
in them.

I wish I might shake hands
with you all, and tell you
how proud I am of you.
May all your faithful service
to humanity be crowned with like
success. My sincere love to you,
and your dear sisters.

Harriet Brown Stanton.

c Mar 31, 1910

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Kindly use this blank, writing on both sides if necessary.

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Dear State President:

We want to make the press work at the coming convention in Washington the very best in our history, if possible. Never were the newspapers so willing to use our material as now. Will you kindly send me, at your earliest convenience, 300 or 400 words embodying the most important points in your state report to the convention. The Associated Press has asked that copies be given them of all addresses and reports a week in advance of the meeting. In order to make the copies here it would facilitate matters greatly if we may have your material not later than April 1.

With best wishes,

Yours most cordially,

Elizabeth J. Haines
Vice-Chairman.