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February 1, 1911

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill St.

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your letter of January 31st. I shall be glad to receive the material which you have asked to be sent <sup>to us</sup> from headquarters. I have already ordered one pamphlet from there, but as I did not have the correct address I fear the letter will not reach them <sup>but</sup> and will probably be returned.

Appreciating your cooperation,

Very truly yours,

*Julia A. Robinson*  
Acting Secretary

EC

Richmond, Ky.

Febr. 1st, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Rosbuck,

I have at last prepared my suggestions for our new edition of our leaflet. You will see that I have abandoned the idea of advertising the whole of our Lecture Bureau on these leaflets. This was on account of the difficulties of doing so. I have never written to Mrs. Little, Belle Bennett wishes to specify her subjects, for fear of antagonizing some of her Methodists brethren, I have not been able to get subjects named by any body; and I doubt if there is room on the leaflet without enlarging it, which is not desirable. Also, after reflection I believe we had better not name any one except our own Board on this particular leaflet. We must put out another leaflet entirely devoted to the Lecture Bureau. At the same time, you see I have said that we had such a list of speakers. We cannot afford to wait any longer to get out this leaflet. I have received fifteen cents for 50 of them from Mrs. Lizzie C. Tucker, Cave City, Kentucky; and have written her we will send them as soon as they are published. Please make a memorandum of this, and send them to her.

I have made a few corrections with a pencil; and I advise you to look closely at the proof at those corrections.

I am to go to Frankfort to speak to our sleeping E.R.A. there on Febr. 16th. I hope to stir them up to some life.

Hoping my suggestions on the leaflet may help you, I am

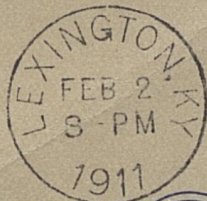
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Miss Laura Clay  
189 N. Mill St.  
Richmond Ky City.



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Richmond, Ky.

Febr. 2nd, 1911.

My dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter of Jan. 26th is at hand, with enclosure of copy of Mrs. Willcott's letter.

I realize that we have a serious problem on our hands, and one which I think the Official Board ought not to decide for the Association by a majority vote, or even one which is unanimous. You know that Mrs. Kelly brought in a somewhat similar suggestion as a report from the Committee of Revision of the Constitution at the Board meeting in New York, and it was much objected to by the state presidents on the Board that she abandoned the idea of presenting it as a report to the convention. Now it would be doubly unwise for us to revive the same suggestion and act on it after the convention was deprived of the opportunity to consider it. For these and other reasons I am unwilling that the Board should take any action of this kind until a convention had acted. If this is thought to be an injurious delay, I am willing to compromise by submitting the whole matter to a vote of the Executive Committee. Let at least two officers in every auxiliary state have a voice in the decision.

I fear that in our alarm about losing one faction in one state we will so strain and override our precedents, if not our constitution that every state will be offended, and we will introduce dissensions and discontent in all of them.

Perhaps this is as good a time as any to say that in my judgment the opposition of Miss Ashley's to change the mode of approving the payments of money from the treasury is unconstitutional.

If it is decided to call an Official Board meeting, March will suit.

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as well as any other date.

To recapitulate. I vote "No" on the proposition to receive two state auxiliaries in Maryland. As a substitute for Board action I suggest that a vote of the Executive Committee be taken.

I think this will be much the more prudent action.

Very sincerely yours,



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LEXINGTON, KY. February 3, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

In 1894 a note for \$6,046.65 and a mortgage on certain land in Madison County, securing same, were executed by Mary Barr Clay to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, which note was made payable at the death of the maker, and the note and mortgage were deposited with this Company for safe keeping. Will you kindly inform us whether, as we suppose, Miss Mary Barr Clay is your sister, and whether she is still living, and if so what is her present post office address.

Enclosing stamped envelope for reply and thanking you in advance, we are,

Very truly yours,

Secy. & Treas.

Enclosure

February 5, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Kentucky,

My dear Miss Clay:

Though my expression of appreciation of your kind letter of December the sixth has been long delayed, it is none the less genuine.

I have been teaching during this year at Teachers College, having charge of the evening classes in Invalid Cookery. That in addition



to my work as a student, I have to offer in apology for not acknowledging your letter sooner. Just now we are having a few days intermission before the opening of the second semester and I have, in consequence, a little free time.

It was very kind of you to answer my appeal at such length with the reasons why you thought it not wise for the E. R. A. to take any action in the matter referred to in my letter and I am sure you are right.

After writing to you, and before leaving home in September, I had a very satisfactory conversation with Judge Barker; with Miss Hamilton, the Dean of Women at the University; and with Professor Scovell; and

I have no doubt that, under the new administration, everything possible will be done to place the department of Domestic Science on a higher plane than it has occupied in the past or rather to establish a department of Home Economics, as Professor Scovell has recommended.

Very sincerely yours,  
M. Katherine Christiane

Teachers College  
New York City

Sent literature Feb. 14,

Feb. 6, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay;

Lexington Ky.

My dear Miss Clay a debate is to take place in Lawrenceburg about the twenty-second of this month among the boys of the Kananough High School, the subject for debate is, "Resolved that women should vote", and I as one of the debators on the suffrage side, I take the liberty of writing to you for literature on the subject.

I would appreciate your aid very much.

Alonzo Whithouse,

Lawrenceburg Ky

In Care of W. F. Lillard.

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My dear Miss Clay: -

I have a letter from a dear friend of mine, Mrs. M. E. Bailey, who is at present teaching Physical Culture in Ashland, Kentucky.

She writes that she has been invited to speak before the Woman's Club on "Votes for Women", and that there is much interest manifested on the question. She asked me for some literature, and some suggestions for her talk, and I am writing her today.

I thought you might be interested in knowing this, and possibly you might be able to

follow her address with Suffrage  
organization.

Miss Paukhus spoke in  
Kansas City last week. The women  
invited me to come and work  
up a club immediately after,  
and I did so. We got a good  
start and the organization will  
be completed soon. Some of the  
most influential women of the  
city went into it.

Things are lively here in  
Kansas. The women are doing  
excellent work. It is likely  
that the matter will be settled  
this week. Hoping for victory.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Gregg.

436 Greenwood Ave  
Topeka, Kans.

Feb. 7-1911.

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February 8, 1911

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

The two packages of pamphlets and books from the headquarters of the National Suffrage Association have been received, and I have acknowledged receipt of them to the headquarters, asking if they were a donation. We are very grateful to you for your efforts in our behalf in this direction, and shall be very glad to pay for these books upon receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

*Julia A. Robinson*  
Acting Secretary

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Normal, Ky.  
Feb. 10, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay;  
Lexington, Ky;

My dear Miss Clay; -

Could you spare  
a few minutes of your valued  
time to a perplexed school  
girl.

My commencement essay  
is Women, as suffragettes, and  
at present I feel greatly  
incompetent to write upon  
that subject.

I know you are very  
enthusiastic on this, and

are perfectly familiar with  
all the recent achievements  
etc.

Will you not furnish  
me with the desired  
information and any  
pamphlets that would  
aid me?

Thanking you in  
advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Annie Nancy



Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 14th, 1911.

Miss Annie Haney,

Normal, Ky.

Dear Miss Haney,

I sent some leaflets on Woman Suffrage as soon as I get your letter, and hope they will assist your essay.

The term "suffragette" has come to be applied more particularly to the English militant methods of conducting suffrage work which characterizes one branch of their suffrage association. Those who depend upon peaceful arguments and petitions to win their cause are called "suffragists". There are very few "suffragettes" in America, and none at all in Kentucky! We are all "suffragists". Perhaps you may not appreciate this line of division, but some people lay great stress upon it.

I am happy to know that you are going to study the question of the right of women to vote. I am confident that the more you study it the more you will be convinced that it is in accordance with the highest standard of self-respect, and the only position worthy of women who call themselves loyal to the principles of our American government.

If I can be of any further service to you, I shall be happy to render it.

Hoping you will find what you need in the leaflets, I am

Very truly yours,

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February 14, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

We have received your letter of February 10, and hasten to reply. We find that two copies of The Woman's Journal were being sent to the Library in Lexington, Ky. One of them was addressed to Miss Mary K. Gillett, Public Library, Lexington, Ky. We have discontinued one copy, as you say there is only one library there. One was on The Woman's Journal list, and one on the Progress list, and the mistake arose because they were differently addressed. If they had been under the same name, we should have known that it was one and the same library. The bill which was sent you, we are therefore destroying.

Thank you for calling our attention to this.

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes A. Ryan*

Business Manager.

AER/ACL

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 18th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I have received your postal of the 16th. No, I have not received a financial report from our National treasurer. I have asked her for one week or months ago; and I supposed when Miss Shaw wrote that she was nearly prepared to send it that we would all have one pretty soon. I do not know what to make of all this. I am inclined to think our treasurer is incompetent. You know what an egregious error she made about those shares the sale of which she said had not been reported to her, and then Miss Ryan's proof that each had been reported promptly. Then, again, I think Mrs. Boyer's contention was right about her Oklahoma accounts. Have you ever learned whether Mrs. Boyer was paid or not? And now, this persistent refusal to send any reports. I can only account for it on the supposition that she does not know how to make out a report. If she did, even if she did not wish to report, she would surely do it to stop these continual and varied requests for it from those who have a right to ask for them. It seems that Miss Shaw has no influence to induce her to send them. What do you suppose she does with her time and the time of her high priced stenographer? It surely is not used up in recording the sums she reports in the Woman's Journal.

I am glad that some one else besides myself is concerned in this continuous disregard of the wishes and rights of the members of the Board. As I steadfastly refused to vote for a New York woman as treasurer I would be inclined to think it was a childish resentment towards me if others

were not treated in the same way.

Are we not coming on grandly with California and Kansas with campaigns on, and with such hopeful prospects?

I have written to Miss Shaw that I think we ought to explain to all the Campaign states right at once that we can give only limited help,- that we should tell each one just what to expect, and tell them they must look for no more. And I am repeating my opinion that we should not try to have any share in directing the campaign in any state, but should confine our responsibility to giving what financial and other help we can, and no advice except when we are asked for it. It is one of the hopeful features of these campaigns that the men are coming more than formerly to making the fight their own, and I am quite sure they will not want advice from outside. There is not a state where there is a campaign which could not be carried if our men sympathizers could be made to feel that the fight was their own.

Write to me when you can. I have never felt so entirely "out of it" as I do under this new Board. If I did not see the Woman's Journal I would scarcely know that there is a National W.S.A. I certainly do feel queere that I know little or nothing which I do not see in the papers when I am presumably one of the Board which is directing the policy of the Association.

Very sincerely yours,

1710 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

February 17, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay,

Mrs. Gauble

has been investigating hotel rates for us and I am sending her report to you. before proceeding further. I think, with Mrs. Gauble, that it is very important to engage the rooms at Boone, for that is a busy time of year and very possibly if

The Galk House is converted into a Hospital, there will be no other hotel to fall back on.

If you will write directly to Mrs. Gauble giving her some instructions as to the price of rooms and the dates of arrival and departure, it can be arranged at once.

Miss Shaw writes that she would like the Executive Committee to meet on the 25th, the Convention to open on the 26th and close Oct 31. I have written her

that these dates will be convenient for us.

She also asks for suggestions in regard to the local speakers on the program, the representative for our Association (I suppose she means the State Association?), and what different societies we would wish invited. And advises me to consult with you on all these points. Will you make any suggestions that occur to you. I am even ignorant as to the number of <sup>local</sup> speakers we would be expected to have.

Most sincerely yours,  
Virginia Robinson

JOHN S. ROEBUCK, JR.  
LAWYER  
329 YORK STREET

NEWPORT, KY. 2/21/'11. 190

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

Dear Miss Clay :

I write you at the request of my wife, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, to say that she was taken ill with malignant grippe, accompanied with partial parralysis, on the 9th. Inst. and is still confined to her bed, slowly improving. It will be some time yet ere she is able to be up and attend to business of any kind. She has not, of course, been able to attend to the correction of the leaflets you sent her, nor has she had an opportunity to transcribe the convention minutes and prepare them for the printer; but will get at them just as soon as the doctors will give their sanctions to her undertaking them. She will be very glad to hear from you as your time will permit. Trusting this will be satisfactory, and occasion you no unnecessary inconvenience and disappointment, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

*John S. Roebuck*



. 139 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 21st, 1911.

My dear Miss Robinson,

I have just received yours of the 20th, with enclosure from Mrs. Gamble. I shall write her at once about the rooms, and enclose a copy of the letter to you.

Now about persons for the program: I have never acted on the program Committee, and can only make the barest suggestions to you. As you are the local member of that Committee, I suppose it will devolve upon you to select the people to give the welcoming addresses. In this connection I would remind you that as ours is a political organization it is desirable that we should have our welcoming addresses a little different from a strictly so-called philanthropic association. The State Grange and the State Federation of Labor have passed suffrage resolutions. The Federation of Woman's Clubs are now what we may call on fraternal relations to us. The State F. C. T. U. are our staunch friends. The clergymen of the city are frequently called upon for greetings; but in this case I would rather have almost any other representatives of public men, if we can find them of sufficient prominence, unless some of the ministers has made himself known as a suffragist. Not that we do not desire and receive their support, but simply in the hope of obtaining a variety. Can you aspire to having the Governor greet us? I would not like to have him on the program, though, and then have him make a polite excuse for not appearing. How would President Barker of the State University do?

For the State Association I suppose I should give a few words of greeting. Certainly the Louisville suffragists should do so. Then I believe all would like to hear Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, both as our Chairman of Educational work and as the Federation of Woman's Clubs of Legislative Work. Mrs. A. M.

Harrison, Elm Tree Lane, Lexington, is our Chairman of Work among Church People, and a much admired and beloved speaker, strong among her church people, the Disciples. Then Miss Belle Bennett, of Richmond, is strong among the Methodists; and if you thought proper to have that matter discussed on our platform she might give an address on The Rights of Lay Women in the Church, ~~which~~ a subject she is much interested in now. I am not now mentioning the many interesting speakers you have right in Louisville, for the reason that I think you are far the best judge of which to suggest; and because you may fear that home talent will not bring out the people as much as speakers from a distance might.

In addition to your suggesting home and state names, I think it would be helpful if you suggested to the other members persons from a distance whom you think the Louisville people would particularly like to hear. This may not avail you anything, as I know our National finances are so low that the Board is not likely to spend much upon the platform speakers, but perhaps it may help as a suggestion.

I am answering your letter promptly; and I may think of other suggestions later, and may write again on this subject. I am very glad you have been in correspondence with Miss Shaw. There has not been any vote sent out about the dates, and I think it possible they may be changed a few days. I have not been in Richmond for the last few days, and have not had my letters from her forwarded. I may find letters from Miss Shaw when I return, which I shall in a few days. I answered your letter, or rather your messages, officially through Mrs. Alice White; which I hope was in accordance with your wishes, though I have been intending to write to you personally; but I have been so occupied with things which it would be tedious to mention that I have taken it for granted that my letter to Mrs. White just after Christmas was sufficient. I am rather glad you did not get a hearing before the Press Association, as I doubt if they are ready to pass a full suffrage resolution, and they may do us some good on

School Suffrage, though I understand they would not pass a resolution as a body even on that.

I fear this letter will not be of a great deal of service to you, beyond letting you see that you must depend upon your own initiative for your Program Committee duties. It is a great relief to my mind to feel that you are quite equal to the task.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am

Very cordially yours,

Lawrenceburg Ky  
Feb 22, 1911,

My Dear Miss Clay:

I received your letter in which you were kind enough to enclose some leaflets on the question of Woman Suffrage

Thanking you for your part trouble, I now desire to impose once more on your kindness by asking for some samples of the suffrage colors or any suggestions you might make (would be appreciated very much) to aid the debate which I desire very much to win.

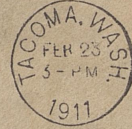
Yours truly

Alonzo L. Whitehouse, Lawrenceburg,  
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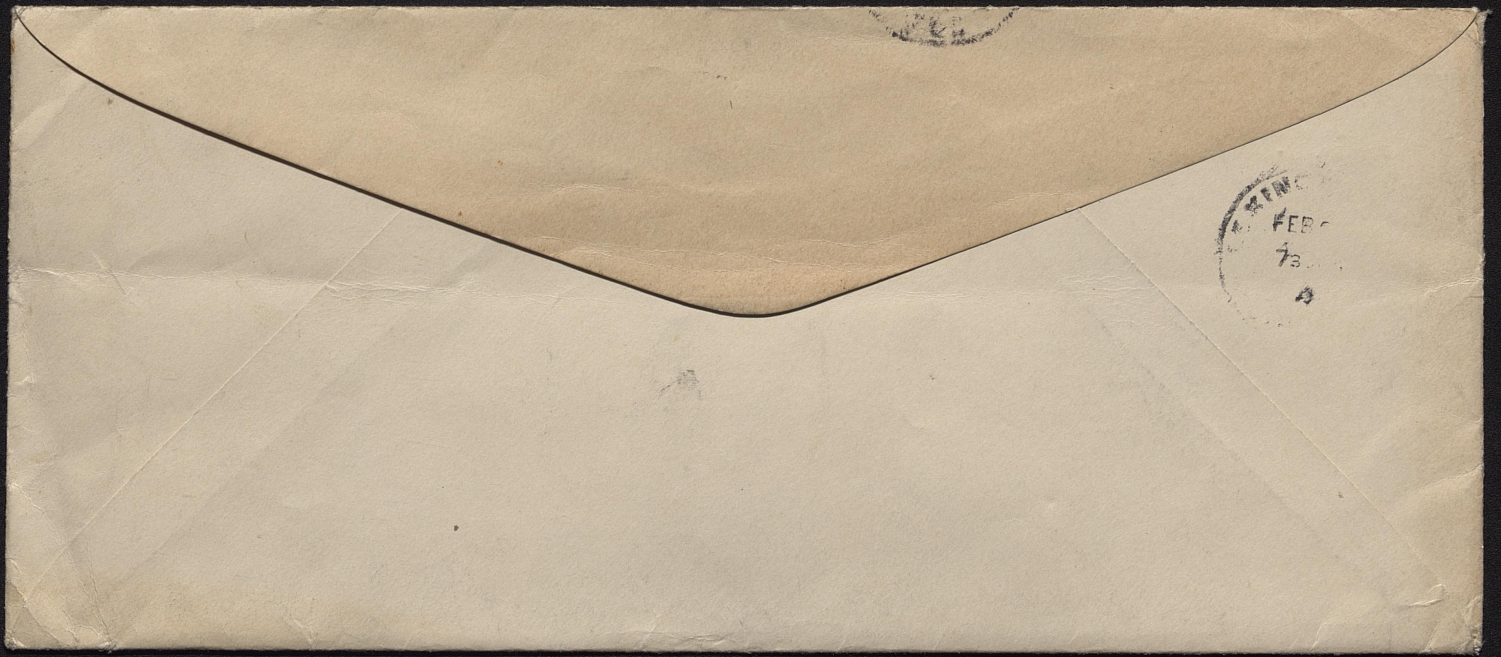
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Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington  
Kentucky



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MRS. S. L. W. CLARK,  
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BURTON, WASH.

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NATIONAL FRANCHISE DEPARTMENT

MRS. F. C. DAVIDSON,  
ASSOCIATE  
6214 27TH AVENUE N. E.  
SEATTLE, WASH.

Ans,

BURTON, WASH., Febr-22-1911

My Dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed some plans for work in your department - Institute work has helped us more than any other one plan - The idea is to centralize on Franchise as the fundamental need - Have papers on "What can my department (or a group) do to bring the ballot to women?"

If you approve, unite with Supt. of legislation, copy enclosed suggestive letter on your stationery and send to your Governor -

The printed matter is sent to you under separate cover - "Plan of Work" is free - Please let me know at once how many Unions will take up work - and I will send lit. prepaid by mail or express as you desire - Would like a brief statement of Woman's status in Kentucky if you can get me one - The play was a success here. Is easily adapted to any state - The musical farce also advertised in Plan of Work is to be only 15¢ not 50 - We could not get music also without too much expense so have compromised on <sup>stating</sup> where music can be found - Tunes are old. Cordially yours  
S. L. W. Clark

17 My Dear State Supt. of Legislation,

Will you join me in request to our Governor for uniform legislation on woman's nationality? If as please sign enclosed letter and send to our governor. Yours in the interest of justice  
name signed \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of letter to Governor.

To His Excellency the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_

Honored Sir:

Believing that thru the House of Governors, uniform legislation, by the Federal Government, may be made the sooner possible we, the women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, residents of this state; do most earnestly request you to present the subject of a married woman's nationality, for discussion and equitable action before and by said House.

May we hope for a concurrent resolution from our State Legislature to be sent to Federal Congress? To the end that a married woman's right to the nationality of her birth, or adoption may be recognized by law.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

sign \_\_\_\_\_

Supt. of Franchise

Supt. of Legislation



National W. C. T. U.

B. 100

Franchise Supt. S. L. W. Clark

My Dear Correspondent:

Please write, for your state paper elucidation of plans and literature sent to you for use in our department work. Such part of plan of work as suits your conditions, with suggestions of your own as the Supt., could be published verbatim.

"The Course of Study in Governments" is useful for citizens who expect to be free as well as for use in suffrage states.

Some literature will be kept by your Nat. Supt. However unless you live on the coast send to Evanston National W. C. T. U. Literature Bldg.

Dear Friend if you faithfully, persistently exploit our cause in your state paper, great progress will be made. Urge all heads of departments, in your state to concentrate on Franchise. If we want anything bad enough we will get it.

Let us for the sake of God, home and native land seek the power of the ballot with earnestness.

Lovingly S. L. W. Clark

189 N. Mill Street,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 22nd, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Gamble,

Miss Robinson enclosed to me your letter about the rates at the Seelbach, with the request that I answer directly to you. I am sure you are right about securing the rooms at once; and I answer as definitely as I can so far in advance. Miss Shaw writes that the convention is to have the Ex. Committee on Wednesday, Oct. 25th. That means that the eight officers whom we are to entertain will all be there not later than Monday morning, the 23rd; and will remain through the 1st of November, and possibly a day or two longer. It is not possible in advance to say more definitely than this. The Official Board has to remain until its business is finished. When each officer will arrive must also be learned nearer the time. I should say, though, that Miss Shaw will possibly arrive on Sunday, and maybe also Mrs. Dennett and Miss Ashley from Headquarters in New York, and Miss Blackwell from Boston. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McCulloch from Chicago will probably arrive on Monday morning, and myself from Lexington. Miss Gordon, from New Orleans, will probably arrive on Sunday.

Now about the rooms. I have found the \$2.00 rooms at the Seelbach very comfortable; and I think you had better engage five of them without bath. Then the room for Miss Shaw must have a bath; and while it need not be large, as we do not wish her to receive company in her room, yet you know reporters and some visitors are inevitable, and must be considered. We want her to have as much quiet as possible in her room; and as her ankle has been weak ever since she strained it, we would like a room as convenient to reach as possible, either near to the elevator or not too high up. I must leave that to your judgment. I should think, however,

that a room from \$3.50 to \$4.00 would fill the requirements.

The Official Board, consisting of the eight members, holds its meetings before and after the convention in one of the bedrooms. We do not wish them to sit in Miss Shaw's room, for she ought to have all the rest she can. Therefore, I suggested that one large room, with two beds, should be secured. On reflection I believe it would be better to have two connecting rooms, with a bath, rather than one large room. One of these rooms may be small; but one of them must be large enough to seat the eight officers and three or four other persons, as the Board frequently has to have other persons to consult with from time to time. These rooms had better be designated for the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, as they come from Headquarters, and have books, literature, etc.; which require extra trunks. I suppose you will have to pay anywhere from \$5.00 to \$7.00 for two such rooms together. Pray consider the daylight in these rooms particularly, as it is depressing to work by artificial light all day long.

Now about the Executive Committee meetings. We always prefer to hold them in the hotel. There will be from forty to eighty persons in these. They will meet for the afternoon and night of the 25th, and also one time after the convention, <sup>and possibly one or twice between times.</sup> We need either a parlor from which we can exclude outsiders, or a small hall, such as I know there is in the Seelbach. I do not believe the hotels have ever charged us anything for the use of an audience room. But if you do not have it understood at first, it might lead to misunderstandings. Let me hear on this point.

It is a great comfort to me to find the local committees in Louisville are getting to work on time, for all these things require more labor than the uninitiated think. I want to express the thanks of the Whole Ky. E. R. A. for your diligence; for some of us understand the labor involved, though it is not to be expected from all.

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*Marlow*  
OKLAHOMA CITY, *February 22* 1911

*My dear Miss Clay:*

*When I first came home from Oklahoma City after the election I thought to write you very soon and here it is more than three months, the time has passed so quickly and I have been so busy. You know last year I was from home or not well enough to do much so that it has seemed as if every single thing about the house needed cleaning, repairing or replacing, and I have been trying to do so much,*

*We are not any of us discouraged by our failure but rather en-couraged by the good vote we had. Mr. Biggers always insisted before election that we would not have over 70,000 or 75,000 votes, and thus felt the same way. If we could have had as many good*

field workers and as much money as Washington  
had we could come very close to winning.

I think Dr. Gay will make a good, energetic,  
President, and accomplish a great deal.

We were very disappointed that you did not come  
help us in the fall and we often wondered if you got  
our letters. You were very busy I am sure. I always  
read the letters from Ky with interest and feel sure  
your personal work there is gradually wearing that  
mountain of prejudice away. Kansas + California  
have had a fine start. Won't it be splendid to  
have one or both of them carry at election time -  
and surely one of them will do so.

Poor Mrs. Boyer was really sick just before our  
election and yet she kept up her end of the work.  
I feared she would have a collapse when she  
reached home and I have never felt real sure she  
did not. How she did work! And how she sacrificed  
herself for the work. It made me sad often to see her  
so worn and yet so ready to do anything that came up.  
Our legislature this year is as of old - too many like Roddie  
Mrs. Penney says, Hoping you may be successful in your own

8 months from now - Wash. D.C. - I remember  
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

February 23rd 1911

Dear Member of the Official Board

I have long felt that the salaries appropriated for the office force were too little, particularly in the case of Miss Ferrins, who is what was called the "office helper" when the appropriations were made. She has been here since spring, is faithfulness itself, and works long and hard. She has entire charge of the literature stock, fills all the orders and keeps the department in running order. Many a night she has cheerfully worked beyond office hours. But even if that were not true, she gains, I am certain, more than she gets, and in consideration of that fact, and the great cost of city living, I am urging that the Board increase her salary to at least fifteen dollars per week.

The office work at Headquarters is divided among four assistants, Miss Cummins, who does Miss Shaw's stenographic work, Miss Barton, who does mine, Miss Ferrins, who has charge of the literature, and Miss Stannard who does the book-keeping, has charge of the waiting-room and the visitors, attends to the filing and the miscellaneous work. The appropriation made for the two stenographers was \$936 per year, or \$18.00 per week; that for the book-keeper was \$1,000 per year, the idea being, I suppose, that the care of money was a great responsibility than purely clerical work. But as things have worked out, Miss Ashley has been obliged, for her own convenience, to do most of the book-keeping at home, and there is nothing done at the office in the way of book-keeping but the day book. This arrangement has been an advantage to us, as it has freed some of Miss Stannard's time for most useful and necessary service in the waiting-room, where the stream of callers is very steady.

I have made some inquiries about office work in New York City, which have convinced me that the work of the two stenographers is far above the average, and that it would command more salary in other offices. So I believe it would represent a better approximation of justice if Miss Stannard (book-keeper) and Miss Barton and Miss Cummins (stenographers) were all paid the same salary, namely, \$1,000 per year.

Sincerely yours

Mary Ware Dennett

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 23rd, 1911.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 22nd is at hand.

I am sorry I have no sort of suffrage colors for decoration or display. The suffrage color is yellow, the color of our flower, the sunflower. You might make some streamers, similar to the postal card I enclose. Or you might hand-print some large posters, similar to the one I enclose, with a quotation of some distinguished man. I send a leaflet, Eminent Opinions, from which you might make a selection.

I hope you will win in the debate; and I should much like to hear the result.

Very truly yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 24th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I am indeed sorry to learn that you are sick, and with such a painful form of illness. I trust that now you are getting better your improvement will be rapid.

Mr. Roebuck writes that you are not able to attend to the printing of the leaflets and the minutes. Do not let that worry you; both can wait. If I were going to be in Lexington I would offer to relieve you of looking after the leaflets; but I expect to be in Madison a great part of the spring. I have been here two weeks, and expect to go back to Richmond tomorrow.

After I sent on my suggestions for the leaflet, it occurred to me that perhaps it would be good policy for us to have them printed at a Union office. You know the Labor Unions make a great point of having all the literature which comes to them bear the Union stamp. The National for some years has regarded their desire, and had the National printing bear the label. I would unhesitatingly advise our doing it, except that it caused some difference of opinion in the National, and as I have never taken a vote on it I would not like to do so without consulting the other members of the Board. Since I got Mr. Roebuck's letter I have tried to call Mrs. Cramer by telephone and ask her opinion; but I think her telephone must be with the many which has been cut off by the storm, for I cannot get her. You might ask the members in Covington, and if they agreed to it, you might either go ahead and have the printing done at a Union shop or if you wish it, I will take a vote. I have not access all the time to a typewriter in Madison, and I dread the labor of writing the circular unless it seems necessary.

I have learned from Miss Virginia Robinson that Miss Shaw wants the



Executive Committee of the National to meet in Louisville the 25th of October, the Convention proper to commence the 26th, and close the 31st. Mrs. Gamble is already looking up hotel rates for our guests, and by the prices she sends, I figure that the State hotel bill will be about \$400.00. As soon as I know exactly we must set about seeing how we are to raise the funds, which I believe we can easily do.

I have not yet heard from Miss Ashley how many delegates we are entitled to; but from the report in the Woman's Journal I think we shall have 12. I must learn exactly, and then the Executive Committee must divide them among the locals. I fear the Kenton County E.R.A. will not get a delegate, and the Lexington E.R.A. did not obtain any extra members. Frankfort never re-organized, so it is out out. Harrodsburg has sent me a number of new cards, but not in time to be counted this time. However, it can have one delegate.

I wonder if it would be possible for your E.R.A. to take up the Club offer of the Woman's Journal, and make that \$50.00 for the Club, or if one of the members with the assistance of the club would undertake to do it personally? It is a good way for some student to make fifty dollars; and the club ought to be willing to help, because the Journal is very desirous to enlarge its subscription list so as to make the Journal a good advertising medium, which is what really pays in the newspaper business. Think about this.

Let me hear from you when you feel able to write.

Hoping that you will now rapidly improve, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 25th, 1911.

My dear Miss Gregg,

I was much gratified to get your letter of the 7th inst., both because you remembered me in the exciting times you are having in Kansas, and because of your thoughtfulness of the cause in Kentucky. I am glad to know your friend is a suffragist, and I shall bear it in mind. We have a local F.R.A. in Ashland, and if I remember rightly Miss Laura E. White, a warm suffragist, is the president of the Woman's Club there. At any rate, she will be sure to note that Mrs. Bailey is a suffragist.

Well, you are having a grand campaign in Kansas. At this distance every thing looks promising there, and I hope my view is not a mistaken one. I think you are to be congratulated that you are in a campaign in your own state. I rejoice that all divisions of our suffrage army are working harmoniously together. I like the attitude of the W.C.T.U. I think it is wise.

This morning comes the news that the Legislative Committee in the New York Legislature has reported in favor of suffrage. Whether it comes to a campaign there or not, the agitation is sure to help you in Kansas, as well as what is going on in California.

Do you know I had a letter partly written to you in answer to your appeal from Arizona to see what could be done to influence President Taft to give an expression about the proposed constitution? I did not neglect your letter; but I found from my information from Mrs. Upton and Headquarters that there was no hope of assistance from Mr. Taft; and I let

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other things interfere with answering you. Now I see there is some talk of Congress' refusing to ratify the Arizona constitution. In that case, what will the suffragists do in Arizona? Are Mrs. Munds and others sufficiently interested to renew the fight? It seems that in any case Congress will not or cannot act for a year yet; and by that time I hope you will have won a victory in Kansas and will be ready to renew the fight in Arizona, if one can be made.

Poor old Kentucky seems very far behind in the procession of the states; but we are preparing to ask for a submission of a Constitutional Amendment from our next Legislature. It will only be educational work for one or two Legislatures, but I hope we can make a beginning in 1912. We got a unanimous endorsement from the Federation of Labor this year; and we have already had one from the State Grange. Our membership, on the enrollment plan, but still with the National dues paid up, is over 1200; and with our Co-guardianship law last year I feel that we have done one good year's work. The liquor interest is terribly strong in Kentucky, and we have it to fight everywhere. Do you think there is truth in the report that the Brewers have pledged \$1,000,000. to fight the amendment in Kansas? Good proof of that would be a help to us among a large class of temperance people, and if there is any way of getting proof it would be well worth the while.

Let me hear from you again when you have time; and with my earnest prayers for success in Kansas I am

Cordially your friend,

Worcester Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Miss Clay

I hope you will take the  
place which we offer as  
one of the Judges. and have  
it advertised in the South  
particularly. It seems the  
men are more awake to  
the injustice of "taxation without  
representation" than we show  
that we are. Any advice

you can give us will be  
appreciated. The work will  
not be very great but we  
hope to arouse attention by  
this offer - Respectfully

W Cleaves Brackenridge

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 21, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,  
*Lepington*  
Louisville, Kentucky.

My Dear Madam:

A prize of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars  
has been offered for the best song written in  
favor of Woman Suffrage, to be set to the tune of Dixie

A Committee in San Antonio will examine poems  
entered, eliminating all except the ten best, the  
final selection to be left to the decision of seven  
Judges.

May we have the honor of placing your name on  
the list as one of these Judges? The following are  
the names of those who will be asked to accept this  
responsibility:

Mrs. Perry Belmont of New York.  
Miss Kate Gordon of New Orleans.  
Mr. Edward Rotan, Banker & Wholesale Grocer, Waco, Tex.  
Mr. Clearance Ousley, Editor Fort Worth Record, Pres.  
Board of Regent of University of Texas.  
Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Ex-President T.F.W.C.  
M. Eleanor Brackenridge, San Antonio, Texas.

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Lexington Ky February 27 1944

My dear Miss Clay - My husband  
has undertaken a new branch of  
the coal business, that of selling  
it at wholesale, which will make  
it necessary for him to be out  
of town a great part of the time  
for the next three or four months  
and it seems expedient that  
we should give up our housekeeping

for a little while, but we would hate very much to have to give up our lease and the flat and so I write this to ask you if you will permit me to subrent it furnished for a few months. I have in mind two people to whom I would like to offer it. Dr. Frank Clarke and his sister, I have heard want to make arrangements until they can get possession of one of Dr. Carricks houses and it might suit them to come here for just the few months that we want to be away. and also there is a Mrs Mcbey of Ohio who I expect would be glad to take this flat until early summer.

She has come here to be near her daughter, the wife of Rob. M. Allen, of the Experiment station, and Mrs Mcbey's friends here are among such people as Mrs Sydney Clay, Mrs Shilby,

Kirkcald, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Scoville -  
Of course you understand I would be very careful  
about the people to whom I would give it -  
and I hope that you will feel willing to  
let me do it - Sincerely yours

Lucia H. Graves -  
(Mrs Bradford Graves)



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*Ans. Mar. 13*  
OKLAHOMA CITY, *February 28* 191*1*

*Laura Clay*  
*Lexington, Ky.*

*Dear Miss Clay-*

Oklahoma has not been asleep since election and we lost out, but we have been trying to see where we stand and do a little planning for our continued work.

The more we think about it the more we feel satisfied and proud of our 90,000 votes cast by busy, intelligent men at an election when it took from five to fifteen minutes to vote on all amendments and issues, and many of the voters who were not quick to comprehend got muddled and spoiled their ballots, others got tired of reading and only voted for State and Local candidates. In our larger cities the precincts were not numerous enough to allow all voters to cast their votes in twelve hours, many were denied that right, and in the face of all of this opposition we had about two fifths of the whole State vote.

We do not want to lose what we have gained in the last two years. The State in the first place is trying to raise money to pay their indebtedness and also funds to pay our Local women to do local organization work. We are also getting the tax list of the entire State.

Now what we feel that we must have is a National worker for only six months of the year, commencing about May 15th. to be ready for our summer picnics, of which there is usually about three or four a week, attended by from one to five thousand people.

*the people that attend these picnics are,*  
First; Farmers- we must keep their interest and vote, and secure, especially in the south part of the State, many more of them, as they are badly prejudiced there.

Second:- Socialists, -of which almost all are friends of ours, yet they need to have it impressed upon them that this is an important thing and not a secondary matter.

Third:- Laborers- which we have many of them, many more are not yet converted, and we need them.

Fourth:- The women of all of these classes need education, and the best place in the world to reach them by hundreds is at these picnics.

Three Congressmen are to be elected this year,

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and we need some one to work for the election of those that are in favor of Women Suffrage.

Our districts are all being changed and we need a Speaker at all large public meetings in the larger cities of each county.

We are going to ask you to let Mrs. Boyer be returned to us for that length of time. Everyone knows of her and they are always glad to have her on the "Program". She would never be refused a place on a program of any kind of a meeting, Democrats, Republicans, Socialist, Labor, Farmer, Educational, Charitable or Women's Club, - and she is the one person that our opponents are afraid of.

If you have any suggestions to make, would be glad to read them. Next year we hope to be able to stand the expense of a "National" ourselves, but this year it seems impossible.

Trusting that we are not asking too much of you, we remain,

Yours truly,

Ruth A. Gay  
Pres

Adelia C. Stephens  
Corr. Secy.

Dear Miss Clay, We are sending this letter on to each member of your board. and hope some way can be arranged by which we can have Mrs. Boyer for this summer.