

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 16th, 1911.

Dear Miss Ashley.

Please find enclosed a New York draft for \$210 to be used as follows:

My pledge of \$25 a month till December for rent-----	\$100
Donation from me for California campaign -----	10
Donation for California campaign from Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett----	100

You can receipt for the whole to me, as I will see Mrs. Bennett.

Very truly yours,

S. M. PAYTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY.

Miss Clay

August 17-1911.

Mrs. William Warren Penfield, Acting Chairman Suffragettes,

New York:-I take the liberty of writing in regard to a matter that I do not know whether it will engage your interest or not. There is considerable and confusion among the democrats and republicans in this State and great discontent among the people and a great many people have urged me to take the lead for Governor and to urge woman suffrage as the leading question and subordinate to it State Insurance non interest bearing bonds for internal improvements &c on an independent of People's ticket and I am only a lawyer in private practice and limited means I do not feel able to bear such heavy expense alone, nor do I feel physically able to do too much speaking, nor competent for want of time to give the required statistics and arguments bearing upon the subject, but I think I can claim for myself truthfully a wide acquaintance and large experience in speaking from the rostrum and to juries-that I have done as much practice as most any lawyer in the State. That I am truthful honest and honorable and pretty good courage which it takes to be in the front of a movement of this kind; and I believe that a fight of this kind vigorously pressed could get a resolution through the next Legislature striking the word "Male" out of our constitution for by beginning early a pledge could be exacted from one candidate or the other to vote for the resolution. If one should refuse, our people could vote for the other or run an independent man. I am strongly for the measure and have always been, and have just read the old opinion of Virginia Minor &c vs. Happersett 89 U.S in which that court said the right was just but it was for the State to define who should be electors. I would go to New York chiefly to talk to Mr. Hearst but understand that he is abroad and besides the weather is oppressively hot. If your organization is willing to take part in this contest and will do so, I am sure it can make itself felt. You may write to Col. R. F. Proctor of Bowling Green concerning me if you wish for he is impartial and nonpartisan and I have been urging him to take the first place and let me go on for Attorney General for there are many legal questions I wish to discuss bearing on the State administration that my training has especially fitted me for, and besides he is more of a church man and a prohibitionist local-

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they call them here than I am, but he does not yet seem inclined to come into the contest, but he may do so later; and then too we would wish all the intelligent strong minded women we could get to take part on the stump. I have made one speech and told the people that I would lead the ticket if could not get a more suitable candidate. I had to do this to keep the matter before the public; until others could make up their mind.

The matter of State insurance is one of great importance to women and people in moderatr circumstances in life! The actual cost of life insurance is only \$7.50 on the \$1,000- and we propose for the State to put up 5 millions to redemm life policies to be sold for about that sum and allow all persons between 10 and 50 years to be insured at the actual cost of doing so. As it is now the industrial companies charge them 10c pr. week on \$100 when the actual cost would be less than ~~75c~~ 75c pr. year.

In this State this year more than ever before the people will not consider themselves bound strongly by party lines. I hope you will give me your idea in regard to this matter and if you think it probable that your organization would lend a helping hand. No ~~one~~ would be asked or used for any improper purposes but only for speakers literature and the like.

Yours truly,

S. M. Payton

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 13th, 1911.

Mrs. Cynthia Flanery,

Posey, Ky.

Dear Madam,

I have received a letter from the president of your club, Mrs. Rowland, in which she tells me of your plan to arouse interest in your club work. She has suggested that I offer a prize for the best account of how a member raised the money for her contribution to the Club's funds. I think it an excellent idea, and I cheerfully accept the part offered me. I have thought of a book for the prize which is interesting to every club woman, as a recent and much admired history of the whole Club movement by a club woman, "What Eight Million Women Want"; and I will have the book sent to any one whom you may designate after you have had the contest, or at the time you think best suited for your purpose. Of course, I shall be interested in hearing the result; and I believe an account of the contest will make an interesting little thing to relate at the next Federation meeting, which is to be held at Mammoth Cave next year.

I am sorry I have none of my Club paper at hand, and must use my W.R.A. stationery. I am enclosing also an W.R.A. leaflet, which may interest you.

No doubt, you have observed that the State Democratic party has just adopted a platform with a School Suffrage for Women plank. Mrs. Breckinridge and the Federation of Woman's Clubs is to be congratulated on this favorable action of the Democrats.

Very sincerely yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 18th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I have copy of your letter to Miss Shaw, Esq. I have not received an inquiry as to my whereabouts in September; and I am awaiting with interest the answer to your letter asking the piece of business which must be transacted before convention. I am coming to believe that there is going to be a determined effort to pass that revised constitution, with the object of creating, in the name of the National A. Suffrage Asso. a great business concern, for the sale of literature, the Woman's Journal, if it can be made a paying thing, such other business schemes as that of the magazine agency, and any others; the part the suffrage association will play being that of a patron to all these enterprises. With a large constituency, such as that loose plan of organization will likely produce, and with donations, dues and legacies, the promoters of this plan and the officers will at least be ensured good salaries. If this really is the scheme, ordinary arguments ^{as to} against the benefit to the suffrage cause ^{of} such a constitution will have little or no effect. All that will be needed is a large constituency and the prestige of the Association. It will matter little to those pushing the enterprise whether or not it is for the best interests of woman suffrage. Now I have no objection to these business enterprises per se; but I think they should be conducted under the supervision of the officers of the Association, and not by the officers themselves. Just as we have engaged Miss Ryan as business manager for the Woman's Journal, for which she is no doubt better fitted than Miss Blackwell. But Miss Blackwell is far better fitted for an impartial and broad-viewed member of the Board. If the officers are to occupy these salaried positions, with discretionary

power to regulate their own salaries and to collect and expend all funds without any proper control or supervision by any body but themselves, I fear that in the long run enterprises which might have originated with an eye to the good of suffrage propaganda will deteriorate or be subordinated to purely business interests. I am writing this to suggest that you also will watch to see if this may not be the plan. If so, while admitting what usefulness it may possess, we should be on the watch to prevent its being used for the personal advantage of a few persons or of a section or locality.

The Democrats have adopted a School Suffrage plank in their state platform; so that we in Kentucky may hope for that scrap of justice from the next legislature. It cheers me amidst much which is discouraging in the outlook for our N.A.W.S.A.

I do not know whether or not Miss Shaw will answer you, or if she will answer in a circular letter; so when you write next mention, at least, whether or not she has answered.

Very sincerely yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

Aug. 19th 1911

My dear Miss Clay:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 16th enclosing check for \$210. to be used as follows.

\$100. for rent of National headquarters, donation Laura Clay

\$10. California Campaign, donation Laura Clay

\$100. " " " Sarah Clay Bennett.

I will ask the pleasure of the board regarding the \$100. for rent. Personally I think under the circumstances we should not accept it.

Yours truly,
Jessie Ashley.

NATIONAL FRANCHISE DEPT.

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S. L. W. CLARK,

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*Mrs Laura Clay
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August - 21 - 1911 -

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed please find copy of resolutions passed by our State Association I hope that are what you would like -

Have you any names to suggest for a new official board? Things certainly cannot go on as they are and I wish we could agree on a slate.

Of course, I do not want all new officers. The trained and experienced workers are too valuable. It seems to me we are getting away from the broad idea of work all over the country especially in weak and unorganized states and mixing too much with strong state work - I am hazy as to exactly what is happening - but I feel the atmosphere -

Cordially yours
Emma M. Gillett

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August 21, 1911

My dear Mrs McCullough:

I have a copy of your letter to Miss Shaw in which you ask about the letters sent out by Mrs Dennett to various people in various places, regarding Miss Fleming and Miss Gruening. This letter had reference to my plan of sending these young women on a tour, to raise money for the use of the National/ I understood that I was free to do this without a vote of the Board and Mrs Dennett undertook to help the scheme, by writing to various people we wanted to have Miss Gruening and Miss Fleming see. The "important errand" was merely to discuss the financial situation. I thought that an explanation of the National resources might bring forth some helpful suggestions for discussion at the Convention. I don't wonder the "errand" sounded mysterious, but you see like mysteries, it is in reality most simple and commonplace/

According to your suggestion I have been trying to think of some scheme of bringing the "bequest" before the Convention. If we had time, you might give a little talk some night on "making wills" and have our form of bequest distributed. Many women are interested to hear about will making and your name would attract them; but the trouble is, would we have time? Or we might hold "office hours" of one half hour a day and offer to draw wills gratis, then and there, provided the testator left something to the National. Again the trouble would be to find the time. We could have our form of bequest distributed with a bit of exhortation at the top---this might serve to remind people of this way to help us without hurting them. These I know, are not very satisfactory suggestions.

The lease is signed at least and that matter beyond our control. I had not the least idea that the Board would be thrown in such a turmoil over it. It certainly is difficult to transact important business at such a distance; if we had had a chance to consult all together, it would have avoided all the trouble, and I hope the new Constitution will carry at least so far, as to make frequent

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Board meetings mandatory. One thing, however, I may add, and that is, that Mrs Belmont knew that our lease could not be for ~~sixty years~~ a full year.

I wrote her this at the time I sent her our last check for rent, I did not, however, in that letter, refer to her promise of helping us to the extent of one thousand dollars. I merely said we were negotiating with the agent, but that we had no power to take a lease for more than a few months.

Cordially yours

Jessie Ashley
Treasurer/

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Dear M. O. B.

I have received a letter from Miss Laura Clay enclosing a draft, part of which is to be used for the following purpose---

" My pledge of \$25 a month until December, for rent \$100"

I have written Miss Clay that, personally, I object to accepting this donation, but that I would ask the pleasure of the Official Board. My reasons for objecting, are as follows:-

On June 30, 1911, Miss Clay wrote to me regarding the lease of #505, Fifth Avenue, for six months/ In this letter she speaks of the pressure of the emergency which has come upon us, and then enumerates the three sources from which the rent is to come:

1, College League	\$1400.00
2, Mrs/ Belmont	500.00
3, National Ass'n.	600.00

and adds that this is \$25 a month more than the National expected to pay.

She then adds that "Before I would agree to this proposition, I would have to be satisfied that responsible parties should either sign the contract with the managers (presumably she means the lease) for the \$1400 as a part of the rent, which I should prefer; or give us a contract for paying that sum, which would equally guard us against the risk of having to pay it from the funds of the Association. I would require also, a statement showing that Mrs Belmont understood her promise to be what is understood and stated in your letter." (Neither of these "requirements" were fulfilled) She continues-- "After these conditions are fulfilled, there remains the fact that we are overstepping what I believe to be our authority to the extent of \$25 a month, till the 1st of December----- I see no way to overcome these objections except to find the extra \$25 a month ~~paid by the individual members~~ I therefore promise to pay myself, \$25 a month till the 1st of December, if the terms of the contract are fulfilled, as I have mentioned" (The italics are mine) She adds, "I am clearly of the opinion that the extravagant scale of expense on which our business affairs are now run, must end in collapse, if they are not stopped."

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This then shows beyond a doubt that the offer as made by Miss Clay was under pressure of an emergency, and to avoid undue criticism of the Board at the Convention. A gift of this nature should not be accepted unless all the conditions are carried out to the letter.

In a letter to Miss Shaw dated Aug/ 4th, Miss Clay refers to the Headquarters as "expensive and far beyond our usual means." and expresses dissatisfaction with the status of the Belmont promise. Of this letter you have had copies.

In the meantime, Miss Gordon had written on July 23d, a letter to Miss Shaw and Miss Ashley, which in the light of further correspondence shows that she wished to express horror of Mrs Belmont's "conditions"

On Aug/ 5th, Mrs Stewart wrote Miss Gordon in which she expresses agreement with Miss Gordon's point of view, and declares herself to have been ignorant of Mrs Belmont's conditions which she does not approve.

On Aug/ 11th, Miss Clay writes, that she thinks any money paid the National as rent for rooms, should go to reduce the rent of the National, and continues as follows--- " Miss Shaw intimates that possibly the representations made from Headquarters to the distant members of the Board do not rightly represent Miss Thomas's understanding of the contract on the part of the College League/ I will say that in such a case, I think those members of the Board who have been instrumental in taking a vote from the Board on representations which did not accurately and definitely represent the terms offered by Mrs Dennett or Miss Thomas, should hold themselves personally responsible for making proper reparation to Miss Thomas or Mrs/ Dennett."

By "those members of the Board who have been instrumental" etc/ Miss Clay can mean no one but me, since she excludes Mrs Dennett, and no one else was in any way "instrumental" in arranging the lease or in getting a vote on "representations that did not accurately and definitely" state the facts.

It is clear that the three members whose letters I have quoted, namely, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon and Mrs Stewart, are dissatisfied with the lease as taken/ It is clear also, that Miss Clay's promise was not a voluntary one, but was made under pressure and upon conditions that have not been fulfilled. That to her mind we have not done the best thing for the National, but that we have on the contrary, been extravagant and have overstepped our authority.

I, therefore, feel strongly that we should not let Miss Clay suffer for the acts of the Board member "instrumental in taking" etc/ and I shall be very glad if you will allow me to return the \$100 to Miss Clay. She has always been very generous and her gifts have been, I am sure, numerous and most welcome/ She has, moreover, been very kind and generous in thus stepping into the breach caused by other members of the Board, but we should not, I think, allow her to be sacrificed in this way.

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I feel the more confidence in asking this, since I have set aside \$150 myself, to meet the deficit of \$25 a month from Aug/ 1 to Feb. 1, and I am sure all the members of the Board must feel that I am the proper person to pay it. The lease, moreover, meets with my entire approval, and I feel that in taking it, we did the only thing that could be approved by the Convention. To my mind, it would have been utterly unfair to the Convention to move from ~~here~~ our present quarters without consulting with them, and giving them an opportunity to say, whether they wished us to remain or not.

Yours truly,

Jessie Ashley
Treasurer/

"Edgewood Place" 34th &
Ashland Ave

My Dear Miss Claji Aug - 22nd
1911

I am writing you for help and
information in my new field of
labor, have been made President
Womans Equal rights Association
here, and we had our first
meeting under my regime
in two weeks, so will you
kindly advise me, as I do
want to fill Miss Laura White's
vacant chair in a beaming and
helpful manner. In my work
as President of our W. C. T. U.
have had a most successful
year. As State Dept. Circulating
Librarian for W. C. T. U. have met

with some discouragement
but am pushing the work and
expect to see good results next
year. Please let me hear from
you soon as possible.

And believe me,

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C. W. Fennell

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 22nd, 1911.

Mr. W. Hard,

New York.

Dear Sir,

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association has constantly advocated School Suffrage for Women, and the necessity of placing women on Boards of State asylums and educational, reformatory and punitive institutions.

The right of mothers to have a close and authoritative supervision of the education of their children surely ought to be admitted to be an inalienable right, without any argument. Yet where children are educated in schools of the state and mothers have no voice in choosing those who manage them, this right is denied. In consequence, the efficiency of the schools loses from the lack of the participating care of women, whose habitual lines of thought and duty bring them into really the nearest touch with the needs and requirements of children. The states where women have school suffrage show a marked superiority in their educational attainments, other things being equal, over those which have not school suffrage for women.

Many of the same reasons which are recognized as giving women peculiar fitness for the charge of the education of children are also applicable to the need of the help of women on all Boards of the State which have the oversight of its asylums and reformatory and punitive institutions. The inmates of all of these, whether their situation is due to misfortune or evil doing, in common with children, are dependent

upon others for care and helpful surroundings. It is conceded that for the sick and unfortunate all that kindness can do ought to be done to alleviate their sufferings and to facilitate their cure; and every-day human experience proves that woman's sympathy and woman's mastery of details are essential to the greatest efficiency along these lines. It ought to be equally readily conceded that those confined for evil-doing are also entitled to the same humane treatment. The time has past when punishment of the offender meant the vengeance of the community. It is now accepted theoretically at least that the office of the law is only to protect the community from further injury while trying to reform the offenders, so that if possible they may resume ~~expanses~~ their places as useful citizens. They are therefore entitled to all that humanity can do to relieve all suffering in their situation not directly intended by the law, and to throw around them influences conducive to their reform. The supervision of the institutions of which they are inmates ought to be removed from the sphere of what is usually called "politics" and placed in the charge of those who by training and aptitude are fitted for the trust of caring for ~~these~~ human beings deprived of the power of caring for themselves. And in such care there is a place nature has fitted women to fill which can rarely be filled by men. At best, it is a great strain on the goodness of human nature to have charge of human beings whose situation excludes them from recourse to the ordinary means of protection from ill-treatment. Usually, women are most open to appeals from helplessness and best ~~adapted~~ fitted by nature and training to adapt sympathetic treatment to reforming character without diminishing the sense of personal responsibility and self-reliance. Their home and social life has brought them more closely than it has brought men, into contact with and ministrations to feebleness, whether it be from infancy, sickness, poverty or other cause. The state

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contact and ministrations to feebleness, whether from infancy, sickness or poverty or old age. The state, no more than the home, can afford to dispense with the aid of women in the ^{oversight} ~~care~~ of those who by reason of any misfortune or fault, are in need of the care and helpful treatment of others.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 22nd, 1911.

Mr. W. Hard,

New York.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a statement of some of the reasons the Ky. W. R. A. advances for its position on the subject of school suffrage for women, and the necessity of women on the State Boards for the supervision of its institutions. This is in answer to your letter of Aug. 10th. In reply to other letters from the Delineator by you, of Aug. 1st and Aug. 14th, I beg to say that I am heartily in sympathy with the objects of the new department in the Delineator, and will gladly aid it in any way I can.

As to the laws Kentucky women are particularly desirous to have reformed, it would perhaps take too much time to go thoroughly into details; but I will say briefly that those relating to educational matters and the care of state institutions, both by taking the charge of them out of politics and placing women on their Boards of management, are the ones which are chiefly engaging the attention of women at present.

As soon as some of these are successfully amended, no doubt the public-spirited women will turn active work to securing the amendment of others.

Very respectfully yours,

No answer as
yet from Miss
Shaw about that
"most important errand"
The Miss Blackwell
writes from Chilmark
that she never received
one of those letters
is curious to know
what they mean.

I suspect just
what you do -

C. W. McCulloch

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 22nd 1891

Near Richmond, Ky.

Hon. J. A. Sullivan,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I have just learned from the Lexington Herald that it is to you the women of Kentucky owe the seventh platform of the Democratic ~~party~~ platform. I want to express my thanks for to you ~~for it~~, as one of the fourteen thousand club women who earnestly desire school suffrage in the interests of education in our beloved state. I know that I am one of many who feel that this ~~advance movement~~ ^{impulse} ~~in favor of~~ popular ^{attention to} interest in education redounds to the ~~success~~ ^{credit} of the Democratic party and to your honor as one of its wise and progressive leaders. With gratitude for what you ~~have done~~ for the schools of Kentucky, I am
Very respectfully yours,
Leana Clay.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 23rd, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Firth,

I received your letter of Aug. 7th, with your suffrage song and the account of your fete. I think the song is quite pretty and "catchy". I would have liked to have heard it sung. I have been wondering if it would be practicable for you to have it sung at our State W. R. A. convention, which is to be held just after the National convention in Louisville, on October 25th. I suppose it would depend upon whether or not you were at the convention. We have decided to hold the State convention immediately after the National, in hopes that a great many of our state suffragists will thus be induced to attend both conventions. If you think you could manage to have this sung to the music you have please let me know, for I would like to put it on our program.

I am glad to know that the lawn fete was such a success. I am greatly in favor of such entertainments in the interest of our cause. I hope something was done to aid the Woman's Journal subscriptions. I am sending the last premium offer made by the Journal, in hopes that your W. R. A. or some member of it will take up the offer.

I am also sending under another cover the W. Journal of Aug. 5th, with an article by me on the proposed revision of the National Suffrage Assn. constitution. I consider that some of the valuable provisions of the constitution are in danger; and I hope all the Kentucky delegates will go to the convention fully understanding what it is proposed to do. I would be very glad if your W. R. A. would read my article and discuss the proposed changes in the constitution at one of your meetings. I should be glad to hear what you think about it; and also what the S. B. Anthony club of Cincinnati thinks.

Hoping you will be able to arrange to have your song sung to your music at the State convention, and that some of your club will take up the offer of the premium of the W. Journal, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. There are more articles coming out about the revision of the constitution in the W. Journal, and I wish your club would continue to follow the discussion.

D. W. Scott

Sheriff

Fayette County

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 23, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay.
Richmond, Ky.
Miss Clay.

In reply to your postal of the 22nd
be please to inform you that your taxes are
\$111.40 and trustee \$6.87 -

Miss Laura Clay	111.40
" " " Trustee	<u>6.87</u>
Total	118.27

Respt
D. W. Scott of

Sent checks Aug. 25, 1911.

169 Crescent Ave.,
Laniville, Ky.
Aug. 25-1911

My dear Miss Clay,

Miss Robinson

sent me your letter in regard
to the room for the meeting
of the State Convention of the
C. R. A. -

I called up Mr. Gamble
immediately, who after two or
three unsuccessful attempts to
see the person having the
matter of rooms in charge, finally
was fortunate enough to

learn from ~~learn~~ that they will
let us have the - Bed Room for
the - convention - That is, I am
quite sure, when the - governor
had this meeting and when you
made your address to them -

They have assigned the - parlour
for the - executive committee meeting
of the - National, and as it is
just across the - hall from the -
Bed Room will be most convenient
for you and Mrs. Gilman -

I have ^{been} making inquiries as to
the - proposed excursion to Thommoek -
Saw and Lincoln Farm, which
can be continued if it seems best.

Have found out what the cost of railroad fare
and transportation to the Farm will be and will
submit it to the first meeting of our committee
on arrangements, which will probably meet during
the first week in September.

I hope we can get the Convention railroad
rate - Mrs. Caelliman was to have called a
meeting last week to take some action we have
been considering. Owing to the death of her son
of course she has not done so and our next meeting
will doubtless be when Mrs. Robinson returns Sept 1st.
I think we have excellent chairmen of the

various committees and all seem much interested
and willing to work - People are getting
back and so I hope we can go ahead
rapidly with the things to be done and
be all ready in time.

Very sincerely yours.

Wm. H. White.

Copy.

Near Richmond, Kentucky.
Aug. 25th, 1911.

Dear Miss Ashley,

Yesterday I received copies of your letters of Aug. 21st to M.O.B. and Mrs. McCulloch.

In justice to myself as well as to you I must try to put my letter of Aug. 11th to Miss Shaw to which you refer in a different light from that in which you are accepting it.

It is true that on June 30th I wrote you a letter intending to convey a vote about taking the lease on headquarters, and containing certain conditions. But after receiving a copy of your letter of July 19th to Mrs. McCulloch I felt myself free from that vote, and I wrote another to Mrs. McCulloch which was in no wise dependent on Mrs. Belmont's promise; and in the same letter I stated that I was satisfied that the \$1400 from the College League would stand legally. In my opinion that letter ended your responsibility for "representations" about the conditions of the lease, as far as I was concerned. But on Aug. 1st Miss Shaw put out a vote on the same proposition, in order that there might be no opportunity for raising a question of the legality of the vote. She also asked a vote on sub-letting to the New York society. I wrote a full explanation of my vote, waiving any further information about Mrs. Belmont's promise, and accepting the College League offer without expressing any doubt about its correctness, for I had none. Mrs. McCulloch, in sending her vote to Miss Shaw, expressed herself as thinking the Association was entitled to the full amount of the College League pledge, even though we sub-let also to other parties. Miss Shaw objected to Mrs. McCulloch's position in a letter of Aug. 9th, in which she said "She was sure Miss Thomas would have deducted such amounts if she had known we were to receive them, and if Miss Thomas were in this country she would be able to answer definitely her (Miss Thomas') exact understanding", etc. These were the first doubts I had heard expressed of the "definiteness" of the representations; and I did not share them. I thought Miss Shaw should have expressed them before she put out the vote, if at all; and I should not have thought it necessary to answer this letter except that Miss Shaw ended it with what I think is a clear intimation that she would consider that the other members of the Board agreed with Miss Shaw's position, and not Mrs. McCulloch's, if they did not write to the contrary, thus introducing an element of uncertainty into the expectations of the receipts. This forced my letter of Aug. 11th in which I answered Miss Shaw's position as she put it, without sharing in it. By my expression "those members of the Board who have been instrumental etc.", I intended to indicate Miss Shaw, who had put out the vote, and the other member or members she might include with herself because she thought they had made representations which might possibly be indefinite. By naming Mrs. Bennett I did not intend either to include her in, or exclude her from, Miss Shaw's surmise, for I took no part in that surmise. I mentioned her to give prominence to the fact that she was a party to the contract as well as Miss Thomas.

I regret I expressed myself so clumsily as to make it possible for you to interpret my letter of Aug. 11th as meaning that *you did not eat* my clumsiness as far as I can. *move* *and write this one to make a correction for*

Hoping this letter will remove from your mind any displeasing personal impression my letter of Aug. 11th may have made, I am

Very truly yours,

Laura Clay

report Miss Thomas' terms *you did not eat*

Aug 25-1911

My dear Miss Celay,

Before this
I had hoped to be able to let
you know who the prize winner
was + we have heard from
all but two of the judges;
Mr Adams + Mrs Penny Tucker
& Mr of whom are in Europe.
The four judges heard from
him all sent a different
choice + Mrs Belmont has
asked Miss Bracken Lye to
decide the matter as she
sees fit, she is now planning

to invite a small company of
well known people to her house
and have one of our best-
known singers render three
of our songs selected & allow
the company & the singer
to decide which is best suited
to the time & the ~~of~~ work.
Miss Beadwin's will do
this largely to awaken an
interest here in the suffrage
work, & Mrs. Mallett whom
she wants to have do the
singing is now at H.M.
Springs Park, & will not

return until the middle
of Sept. Of course there are
others who could take her
place but - she ranks at
the head of Texas singers
both artistically + socially
and it adds to the popularity
of the suffrage cause to
have such people known
as artists.

The four songs chosen were
Bonnie Reed by Mrs Belmont,
Indiana, Mrs Gordon, Capasa
Mr Ousley + your own
choice + Mr Ousley thinks

Capusa not the best for
but the best song + best-
suited to the tune of Dixie
I like your selection very
much. Any three from
will be considered.

With-kind regards

(Mrs) Maria B Fennick

204 Pecan Street

Near Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 26th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Freeman,

I am very glad to get your letter of the 23rd, for I had been wondering who had taken Miss White's place after I heard she had gone to Louisville; and I am gratified that you are taking up the suffrage work with zeal.

I always think the first great work our locals should do now is to increase the membership. This is much easier than it used to be, both because we have a better system and because suffrage sentiment has grown so generally. I send you a copy of our minutes containing the constitution and the plan of membership. Please keep this copy, for we do not print the constitution and plan every year.

Next, I think we should help to enlarge the subscription list of the Woman's Journal. It is the very best literature we can distribute, and the easiest way to distribute is to get people to take the paper. The business manager is offering very liberal premiums, and I enclose a copy of the offer. She is doing this in order to get the circulation up to a figure where the advertisements will make it self-supporting. It is only since the last National convention that the Woman's Journal has become the official organ of the W.A.S.A., and now we ought to make it part of our business to increase the circulation. I know many members feel that they did not expect to try to get subscribers to a paper; but really this is excellent suffrage work, and in the premium offer there is as good a chance for making a little money for your W.A.S.A. as in any other way. Or you might induce some enterprising member to undertake it for the money she could earn, and give her the en-

of your local to help her. The Lexington T.R.A. did this, as we have more than three hundred members, and it was worth the while of a teacher, who was not in a school just at the time.

In Covington they have been giving lawn fetes, where they had a little suffrage program of speeches and music, and sold ice cream (I believe) for the treasury of the T.R.A. I have long thought this an excellent way, where it could be done, both to make sentiment and to put money in the treasury. Now that the club as a whole rather than each individual member is to pay the dues, according to our card enrollment plan, I think such an entertainment may be a fine way to collect the money. I have never known it tried; but if you should adopt the idea I would like to hear how it turned out.

Have you been circulating Mrs. Breckinridge's School Suffrage leaflets? While the Ky. T.R.A. has turned over this measure to the Federation of Women's Clubs yet we are helping all the time. I have a donation of these leaflets which I can send for the postage. Of course, you have seen that the Democratic party has put School Suffrage for Women in its platform, and there is a good chance of its passing whether the Democrats or Republicans win, as Judge O'Rear also favors it.

Then you know the Ky. T.R.A. invited the National American Woman Suffrage Association to hold its annual convention in Louisville, which it will do Oct. 19-25. The first and last days mentioned will be for the Executive Committee meetings only; and the Kentucky T.R.A. has chosen October 25th for its annual convention. We thought if we held our convention immediately after the National convention and in Louisville, we could get more of our Ky. suffragists to attend the National, and then stay over a day to attend the State Convention. Thus one trip will do for both conventions; and we can make the

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state convention short, only one day, because the delegates will have heard the best speakers, and heard business discussed at the National. The hotel headquarters are at the Seelbach; and besides the Louisville Committee has a list of good boarding houses near the Seelbach which are cheaper. No delegates to the State convention will be entertained. You will see the basis of representation for the state in the minutes I send. Your T.R.A. is entitled to one delegate to the National to be elected by ~~itself~~ your own club. We adopted this plan the last state convention, because we wanted all the clubs represented. If it should happen that you do not find a delegate who will go, please let me know, so I can find an alternate. But I shall greatly regret if your branch is not represented both at the National and the State.

I am sending you a marked Woman's Journal. There is a proposition to amend the National constitution, and I think there are some dangerous features in the proposed revision, as you will see by the marked article. I hope your branch will discuss the proposed revision and keep up with the discussions in the Woman's Journal.

I am enclosing one of the new edition of the Ky.T.R.A. leaflet. I think this is always good literature to circulate. Notice our Lecture Bureau announcement. There was not room to give all the names of our speakers, but they include besides those mentioned Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Linden Waly, Lexington; Mrs. A.M. Harrison, Elm Tree Lane, Lexington; Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, and Mrs. Charles A. Nield, (Mrs. Lucy A. Nield) Louisville. Mrs. Charles P. Weaver, Louisville. I do not know the terms of any of these. It when you need a speaker you will know where to look for one.

Hoping to hear from you from time to time, and certainly to see you in Louisville in October, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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August 26, 1911.

Miss. Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Miss. Clay:-

We are in receipt of your letter of August 1, and at this late date we are replying. The subscription you sent in has been properly entered and your address changed as you desired. We note you ask if we are obliged to pay anything on your personal checks. We have investigated regarding this and are advised that the smallest charge is \$.10, or in other words we are charged one tenth of 1% on large checks, but yours are all small checks ^{usually} and we are charged \$.10 for them.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes E. Ryan
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Copy for Mrs. Clay

Evanston, Aug. 26, 1911.

My dear Miss Ashley:

Your letter of August 21st to the Board is received. You are right in your contention that Miss Clay is under no obligation to pay the \$100.00 on account of the lease. It was only promised to make up the deficit and there will be no deficit. The \$1400.00 again promised by Miss Thomas in her August 10th letter is sure. The \$500 from Mrs. Belmont is probably sure and the rent from the New York Association will more than make up the \$25.00 per month Miss Clay wished to cover. It was just like Miss Clay, however, to vigorously protest against an action she deemed extravagant and then when the vote was against her to loyally try to pay the bill. However, as Miss Clay now knows all the facts, she probably intends to contribute the \$100.00 to the cause and I would keep it.

From your letter addressed to me personally, I am glad to receive the information asked of Miss Shaw as to what was "a most important errand" which must be attended to before Convention by Miss Gruening and Miss Fleming.

A copy of my letter to Miss Shaw was sent to all Board members and Miss Blackwell, Miss Clay, Miss Gorden and Mrs. Stewart state that they received no such letter and knew nothing about it.

Of course the Treasurer's work is in your hands but you generally consult the Board, sometimes as to frequent appeals in Journal and quite recently as to your excellent letter comparing our income with that of one of the English societies. These, however, were in line with our approved methods. This new plan of sending out solicitors is a departure concerning which it would have been wiser to have consulted the Board. We have not employed any such solicitors, nor sent any one specially for money. We must except Miss Gorden and Mrs. Avery, who, though not treasurers, were specially authorized to solicit suffrage money. They were so well known among suffragists that it seems very different from asking two young college girls who are not known.

These Board members who were not informed of your plans happen also to be State leaders of some prominence and if you send persons into their states, it would be courteous to have notified the State Presidents. The State President could tell whether the time was new propitious in her State.

Illinois was plunged into a \$500.00 debt by our June and July auto tours in southern Illinois.

California wants our Helen Todd to speak, we to pay her expenses. To raise these two amounts will keep Illinois busy, especially as we have spent on our State work already this year about \$5000.00

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Mrs. Brown, the President of Wisconsin innocently rejoiced that the National was sending her two workers and is correspondingly depressed when she learns that they only wish "to confer with various active women in regard to the possibilities of cooperation in our National work". When the women arrive and she learns that they are collecting money out of a campaign state for National work, she will probably feel even more depressed.

I think you should have asked the consent of the Board before sending out such solicitors. Who is paying the expenses and salaries of these young women ?

May I bring up another matter now about which I hesitate to ask again and yet we ought to know the facts ? May we not have a treasurer's statement, such as you gave us February 28th ? If we knew what was in the various funds and what debts we owe, we shall be better informed for our coming Board meeting.

Yours truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

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August 26, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay,

If you approve my criticism on this sending out of solicitors without a vote of the Board tell me so privately. I don't want you to get any enmity against you for you must stay on the Board and I am going off. However I shall protest up to the time I do go off against having the Board entirely controlled by the two new members regardless of the older workers.

Notice I again ask a Treasurers report as I did about three weeks ago -

Yours truly,
Catharine Waugh McCulloch

JOS. S. WOOLFOLK
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE BROKER

LEXINGTON, KY., August 28th 1911

Dear Miss Laura

I wish to explain
my delay in writing you -
On the 16th Mr. Edge moved into your
residence and we handed to his wife for
his signature a lease signed by me as
the enclosed one is. It seems that he left
town the next morning and this A. M.
we forwarded two leases and sent them
to his office - I enclose bills for the
improvements and vouchers & check as shown
by the statement - The plaster walls were
in worst condition there any in the
house and I tried to get Mr. Cunningham
to undertake the tinting for the price
but he notified me that his men objected
to working in that house, and I got
Mr. Gracie to do the work and he
did a beautiful job and Mrs. Edge is
perfectly satisfied with it - She omitted
any work in the kitchen, as to have
over

the Dining room back Hall and Parlor
put in satisfactory condition with
the amt you allowed for the improvements
I hope and believe they will prove
satisfactory to you in every respect—
You can send Brown a check for
amt of his bill—

Hoping that you are well
I remain
Yours Very Respectfully
Jos. S. Post

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 28th, 1911.

Dear Miss Gillett,

I have your letter of Aug. 21st, with enclosures; and I have just written a few lines of appreciation to Miss Hifton.

You ask if I have any names to suggest for a new official Board? I feel that being on the Board myself precludes me from suggesting any names for new officers in place of any who are now on the Board and may wish to remain; and I cannot say with authority who will decline re-election. I can only speak for myself, and I intend to consider myself eligible for election to the Board, even though the proposed revision rather marks out those who occupy my geographical position; for I am entirely foot-free and can go or even live, wherever the work requires, and I think it most important that the south should be represented. But I consider it even more important that the west should have representatives on the Board. I have a recent letter from an Ohio friend, a prominent suffragist in her state. She writes: "We cannot get the status of a locality second-hand. I believe that if you and Miss Gordon had not been on the board from the south, that the south would hardly be awakened to activity by this time..... It would be very bad politics, in my opinion, for the Association to cut off the south but it would be far worse for them to cut off the west. The next states which will be enfranchised will be the west and middle west~~and~~ and when those states get into campaigns they are certainly not going to be controlled by a few eastern people who are not on the ground".

She expresses my sentiments exactly; and therefore it is with the greatest regret that I read in the last Woman's Journal that Mrs. McCulloch

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says she hopes to be relieved of national office. I feel this would be the greatest loss to the National, and I sincerely hope she will be influenced to reconsider a decision so injurious to the National work. As the news is so recent I have not even thought of whom we could try to put in her place, if she insists upon declining a re-election.

I am very sincerely yours,

August 29, 1911.

Miss Jessie Ashley,

New York City.

My dear Miss Ashley:-

As Miss Clay voluntarily subscribed \$25 a month to headquarters and does not wish to be released from her pledge, I suggest that the subject be dropped,

This leaves you free to apply your \$150 in some other helpful channel.

I have read your review of various expressions on the question of the lease from different board members and note your conclusions.

I am impressed that you feel rather abused and rather impatient with those of us who could not give assent to mortgaging the future of the association by all the conditions attached to Mrs. Belmont's contribution.

Now of course there would not have been all that "turmoil" you mention if those of you who had this information had imparted it at the proper time to those of us who were dependant upon you for it.

It had to come sooner or later. If it had come sooner, instead of later, we should not have had occasion to feel the lack of consideration and official courtesy and could have settled the question quickly and quietly.

I think we have been remarkably patient under all circumstances, and no doubt the less said about the whole affair the better--at least by correspondence.

I agree with you that this and other matters could have been disposed of more quickly if we could have met. It was a great mistake not to meet within the eighteen months.

I suppose such a long period never before has passed without a meeting. But you must remember that in this matter again we were hampered in voting because we could not get information from headquarters.

[Aug 29, 1911]

Miss Ashley/2.

Mrs. McIlloch wrote time and again to find out our financial condition but your reports have been few and far between so I had no means of knowing whether we had five dollars or five hundred in the treasury. When Miss Shaw sent out the vote. She did not urge the necessity of the board meeting--as she usually urges what she wishes.

I felt very keenly the necessity of the board meeting--to decide the time of the Convention and other important matters--before the question of moving headquarters arose.

There was greater need of the meeting this year than formerly when the same members of the board were on for several years, so they were well acquainted with each other, and Mrs. Upton sent constantly full reports of everything.

This year we have three new members on the board and we are not personally acquainted with each other, so that has made business by correspondence more difficult.

Very truly yours,

Ella S. Stewart

OHIO EQUAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION,

628 Lincoln Ave. CINCINNATI, O. Aug 30, 1911

Miss Laura Clay.
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

I enclose a list of three hundred members, as that is all we can hope to pay dues for this year, though we have four hundred and thirty. I send at this time, a duplicate list with money order for twenty dollars to the New York headquarters, so that if you are out on campaign work as you are likely to be, we shall still be in time.

Our Association has had a suffrage wagon out for a

such distributing literature,
and stopping at prominent
places with speakers. It
has tremendous suffrage
signs on it, and is doing
great good.

We have found a promis-
ing young speaker, a natural
talent, in a young woman of
twenty years who has lately
joined us, and who will, no
doubt, be a great addition
to suffrage speakers in the
future. Her name is Van Pelt,
and she is from Madisonville,
that stronghold of the anti-
where you spoke with such ef-
fect in May.

Yours very truly

Mrs E. W. Huntington.

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Richmond, Kentucky?

Aug. 30th, 1911.

Mr. C. N. Manning.

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed my check for \$36.65, which I send for deposit in the Savings Department, to my credit as trustee for L. S. Bruce, book 3383.

Respectfully yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.
Aug. 31st, 1911.

Dear Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. Stewart,

I am taking Mrs. McCulloch's advice and writing a personal rather than an official letter to tell both of you how thoroughly I approve of the letters of you both in answer to Miss Ashley. Mrs. Stewart, I longed to say something like you did about that "turmoil". I cannot understand people getting others into trouble by neglect of duty and then calmly complaining that they object to it. In case this matter of those young women is not yet settled I wish to say that I do not think Miss Ashley's conduct in sending them out is constitutional. I consider collecting money for the Association one of the most delicate tasks which can be assigned, and should not be given to any one but the treasurer except after due consideration. Miss Ashley has no right to assume that the slight notification Mrs. Dennett mentions served the purpose of taking a vote; or of giving her the liberty to employ two agents for the Board. Miss Shaw should have sent out a vote. This is the sort of "business", I suppose, which requires all the officers to meet once a month. Backing the meetings, the officers at headquarters, with nearly \$4000 of the Association's money paid to clerks cannot find time to dictate a letter to the distant officers telling them these emissaries were going out! I feel so dissipated by all this usurpation of the authority of the Board that I scarcely know in which direction my duty lies towards the Association. I thank both of you for declining to consent to Miss Ashley's project of returning my pledge. I think she will manage to discourage donations enough without attempting to analyze the pressure people are under to give, and to decide by a rule of her own that some should be declined.

Mrs. McCulloch, I thought your article in the Woman's Journal of Aug. 27th was admirable. But it left me depressed, because you express your wish to be relieved of National office. I had hoped you would give up the idea of declining to stand for re-election. I suppose Mrs. Stewart has received a copy of the resolutions of the District of Columbia's state Association. I received another letter from Miss Gillett with Miss Hifton's. Miss Gillett says: "Have you any names to suggest for a new official board? Things certainly cannot go on as they are and I wish we could agree on a slate. Of course, I do not want all new officers. The trained and experienced workers are too valuable. It seems to me we are getting away from the broad idea of work all over the country, especially in weak and unorganized states and mixing too much with strong state work. I am hazy as to exactly what is happening, but I feel the atmosphere."

I thought she was much in the condition of the distant members of the Board, - quite "hazy", but still aware things were happening!

She asked pretty much the same question in her first letter; and I passed over answering her. This time I met the question and wrote the letter I enclose. My friend in Ohio is Mrs. Upton. I hope her opinion will help to keep Mrs. Stewart steady to her task, and to bring Mrs. McCulloch back!

If Miss Blackwell should not be able to audit the books, what do you think of appointing Miss Gordon in her place? She is interested in the auditing of the S.B.A. Campaign fund; and could stop on her way to Louisville. If thought desirable, we could also get an expert book-keeper. The only difficulty might be that to do that I would probably have to go to Lexington, and I had thought it likely that Miss Blackwell would join me in Richmond, where there are not many such book-keepers, if any. Of course, you need not answer this suggestion right now, but you can keep it in mind till we know what Miss Blackwell's health will be.

Very cordially yours,

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August 31st 1911

My dear Mrs. Stewart

I have your letter of August 29th.

I regret that my letters to the Board and to Mrs. McCulloch should have given the impression that I felt either "impatient" or "abused," especially the latter. It would be childish and absurd to harbour any such feeling. Surely, we can all disagree until doomsday without taking the matter personally.

I do not feel that it was my business to send out Mrs. Belmont's conditions any earlier than I did. The letter was written to Miss Shaw personally; it was not in my possession and its contents did not, to my mind, change matters very materially, conditions or no conditions. At all events, it did not occur to me to say anything about them until it was necessary to inform Mrs. McCulloch of any fact that might legally affect the lease we were thinking of signing.

If the meeting of the Board depended upon the report of a surplus in the treasury, it would not have met any time during the year. Therefore no harm has done by no reports from me, as the result would have been the same. If, however, you had stated that you felt keenly the necessity of a Board meeting and others had done the same, it would have been possible to raise the money. I voted for a meeting, on the assumption that the necessary expenses of the Association must be met somehow. But our treasury has at all times been empty.

Why don't you write a letter to The Woman's Journal in favor of that part of the proposed new Constitution that makes a Treasurer's report to the Board obligatory?

Yours truly

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yes but no worse than she sent Miss Gordon McCulloch

Near Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 31st, 1911.

Miss Gwendolin B. Willis,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Miss Willis,

The last time I paid my subscription to the Wisconsin Citizen I paid a few years in advance; but I think my subscription must now be in arrears. Therefore please find enclosed my check for five dollars, to pay arrears and advance subscription through Dec. 1912. If there should be any surplus please use it for the Citizen in the campaign.

I have enjoyed the historical articles in the last issue exceedingly. I hope all the hard work of the past is the harbinger of success in 1912.

With my best wishes for success in Wisconsin, I am

Very truly yours,

Yellow Springs, Ohio, Aug. 31-1911,

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington, Ky.

Madam—

Some time ago I noticed
an article in a newspaper
in regard to yourself.
Thought I would write and
ask if either you or some
member of the famous Clay
family would be interested
in a letter written by
Henry Clay in the year 1842
said letter was addressed to
his friend Dr. Hays of
Springfield O. The letter is
marked (Private) and the
import of same is the
Conventions held in Philadelphia
at which Mr. Clay was defeated
for the nomination as a candidate
for the Presidency.

Aug 31, 1915

I could have sold this letter
to a dealer in New York,
but have refrained from
parting with same.
As I am in need of
funds thought it might be
possible to dispose of letter
to some relative of Mr. Clay.
Hoping that you will not
feel offended by my writing
to you in this manner.
I am,

Very respectfully,

Claude Thorburn
Yellow Springs,
Ohio.

1911

My Dear Coworker:

Seattle 1506 N. 4th Aug 1911

Please send report of work done, or attempted, in Franchise Department. No doubt you have received the questions sent you sometime ago.

Make your own list for your county or district workers. Above all be sure to send me a personal letter with suggestions for future work in your state.

Urge upon your Unions the study of Governments - If they can vote they need the awakening to their duties and privileges. If they are unfranchised they need to prepare for the duties of citizenship.

Study the status of woman in your own state and give me as soon as possible a brief statement of the rights of a wife under your laws.

The most important statistics are the number and character of meetings held - number of people reached - amount of literature distributed, how, where and if leaflets, periodicals, pamphlets etc.

Institutes held - recitations in Medal contests.

Entertainments to create suffrage sentiment.

Plans for the future - Reports sent early will be much appreciated by your National Supt.

Sophie L. W. Clark

Franchise Department, V.C.T.U.

[Aug 1911]



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Dear Madam:

This Magazine wants to give adequate editorial notice to the good work done by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in securing better laws for the protection of women.

You, personally, can help us in doing this by letting us know the latest facts with regard to the situation in your own state.

We reach many thousands of women who do NOT belong to women's clubs and they, as well as the women who DO belong, ought to have a greater knowledge and a greater appreciation of the work which is being done on their behalf.

It has come to our attention that the General Federation of Women's Clubs is planning to undertake a compilation of the laws relating to women in the various states of this Union. It is in connection with this enterprise that we are now addressing you. As chairman of legislation for your state you are in a position to know what demand there is in your state for new and better laws governing woman's control of her life, in the family and in industry.

The question which in particular we wish to ask you is this:

"At what points, in your opinion, do the women of your state most want to see the laws regarding women amended and strengthened?"

If the women in your state are not joint guardians



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of their children, do they wish to be granted that power? Are they satisfied with what the laws now give them in control of their own property and of their own earnings? Are they satisfied with what the laws now give them as their rightful part of their husband's property at their husband's death? Do they wish the laws to give them any fixed share of the family income apart from, or in place of, their husband's general common-law duty to provide for their support? Do they wish the laws to give them greater powers in making contracts and in engaging in business on their own account? Do they regard it as an injustice that a husband may will away, or otherwise dispose of, most of his property without regard to his wife? Do they think that the present laws are successful in protecting the interests of a wife who is deserted by her husband? Are they satisfied with the present laws governing divorce? Do they want to have the laws give women greater opportunities for service in such public bodies as boards of education and commissions managing public charitable institutions? Do they think that the laws governing the length of the work day and the physical and moral environment of women earning their own living are satisfactory?

You will see that what we have in mind is the general legal status of women and the attitude taken toward the improvement of that status by the organized women of your community. We should like to get the benefit of your experience and of your thought in this field. We should also like to give what assistance we can, in editorials and in articles, to forward movements supported by the judgment and common sense of women who have been thinking and acting for the best interests of the women, organized and unorganized, of the United States.

When you answer this letter, won't you please let me know just what legal reforms you think are most important and most deserving of immediate, energetic support? I can assure you not only that your help will be greatly appreciated, but that, in assisting us to put this matter properly before our readers, you will be carrying the enlightenment of new

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ideas and of new ambitions to hundreds of thousands of homes.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. We shall be glad to hear from you at any length you please and we should be glad to be able to quote from your letter. However, if you don't wish your letter to be quoted, please say so and we shall regard it as strictly confidential.