

THE NEW WILLARD
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1918

Dear Mrs. Clay

I am instructed
by the Official Board to
write you that Mrs.
Somerville has presented to
the Board your suggestion
concerning the Value of the
Federal Bill in strengthening
the relation of the
Southern women to the

National by offering more
~~than~~ a second year
of National Seepaper work.

Since the present Special
Board goes out of office
at the close of this Con-
vention it has voted
to recommend this
matter to the consideration
of the incoming Board,
which will be in a
position to take defi-

nite action.

Believe me

Very truly yours

Susan W. Fitzgerald
Recording Secy.

[Dec. 22, 1915]



Affectionate remem-
brances and Christmas
greetings to my "big"
friends! And may we
meet again!

Yours for dinner up left -
Mary W. Slater.



Dec 23 1915
I shall go to
Washington
tomorrow. Shall
be at home at
my sons 2809
Ontario Road
for a week

Hope to see
you there
soon
Olympia Wash



Miss Laura Clay
The Hamilton
Washington
D.C.

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This Space for the Address

2809 outland Road
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 30 - 1915

my dear Miss Clay.

I enclose the bill present-
ed in the Senate. Mr. Brady was
sick and asked Mr. Lane to
present the bill. I also enclose
bills presented in the house by
Mr. Raker & Mr. Scherling

Probably we will get a
hearing before the committee on
election of Pres. Will President
a number of the House of Representa-
tives early in Jan. Hope you may
be here at the time and take
part with us. The annual
meeting of the Federal Association
will probably be held near that
time. I have heard nothing what-
ever from the national.

I return to Baltimore
tomorrow. Had hoped to call

upon you before going but ^{Dec. 30, 1915} my
bad cold together with the
rainy weather has kept me
indoors and prevented me
from doing several things which
I intended. It is very unusual
for me to be affected in this
way. I shall be glad to hear
from you at any time.

Yours Truly

Olympia Brown
829 Dolphin St.
Baltimore Md

[1915]

Dear Miss Clay -
I have been
asked to arrange a "going away
party" for the Congressman from
our district, in which resolutions
regarding the Susan B Anthony
Amendment - are to be presented.
Would such action be
consistent with the States

Right method you seemed to
consider the best policy - Please
advise me - I don't want to
begin my career, which my
devoted delegates forced upon
the State, as well as my self
by making a mistake -

Hope you are well - after you
hard work - The Convention was
a brilliant success - Affectionately
L. B. Rother

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Please write a letter to Senator Evans and to Representative Moores, and ask them to vote for a bill, for the submission of an Amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky for the full enfranchisement of women, that will be introduced into the State Legislature this winter at the request of the Equal Rights Association of Kentucky

[1915?]

Please send enough
literature for Suffrage
debates in the City
School and Country
High Schools.
Truly obliged
Mrs Lucia Beckner
Morehead, Kentucky

306 South Main St.

Winchester, Ky.

Sent literature Nov. 15.

Mr. Sells.

Think feeling in South is strong for Peace & Prohibition. The churches have great influence and much work should be done through them. Think Van. strong man for our bill. No rep. in view. Will telephone Clark Van.
W. R. Smith, Rufus Hardy & Mrs. Post, for hearing before Peace conference.

W. R. Smith, of Texas is a suffragist. Wife is not. Wants to be assured that the bill is constitutional and that the women of Florida want it.

Mr. Hardy not necessarily opposed to suffrage. Doubts constitutionality.

Saw Mr. Davis in Hardy's office. Strong suffragist. Rean on that principle. Does not think he ought to express opinion on party policy. Believes in party discipline.

[1915?]

KATE GORDON CHAPTER
Southern States Woman's Suffrage Conference
WASHINGTON, D. C.

List of Penators

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See Journal, 11 or
Thursday.

Mr. Albrecht
Phone North 3502

[1915.]

My dear Miss Clay:

A very kind and much appreciated letter was received from you last fall just as I was setting out for a walk in Florida.

I intended to answer it upon my arrival in the South, but it was misplaced and at this late date turned up with no "answer" upon it.

It was indeed a pleasure that the remembrance of our days of cooperation were as pleasant in retrospect

to you as to myself - During the
years that I have been laid aside
I have much enjoyed a review
of my public activities, and
the delightful associations that
they brought - I am still inter-
ested in the work - but alas!
"banged up by a sporting fate"
that I am I am no longer equal
to want of platform work -

But I do not need crutches now
and that is a great gain -

Perhaps it may to my pleasure
to attend the next Convention
and revive the associations
of that day - I'd pray favor me
with a little nursing from time
to time and I promise to acknow-
ledge more promptly -

Yours Cordially
Elizabeth Hamill
Addess Houlton Maine.
June Eleventh.

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"I think perhaps you know that I have always felt that the Constitution of the United States gave our women the right to vote. That, however, is something that can be determined only by a court decision which I believe, owing to the unfavorable makeup of the Supreme Court, we ought not to push at this time. A year ago we made a close investigation of that question with a view to recommending it as a National activity. We decided it could not be pushed to a favorable verdict and that we did not want activity for activity's sake along. I, with others, was ready, willing, and anxious to take hold of the federal bill, so-called, and used my best endeavors which really were not needed to get the Convention to stand back of us in this. I confess that after I got back to Washington and put in about three weeks studying the measure already introduced by the Federal Society, that I felt it was faulty from a legal standpoint. **** * * * * *

"I believe we may be bill, if Congress is willing to give it to us, get the right to vote for Representatives and possibly United States Senators, but the fact that a direct election of Senators was provided for by federal amendment and not by straight bill has disturbed me not a little. A new measure should be most carefully investigated and most carefully drawn. I could not undertake it alone. It was not the time for the introduction of a new measure anyway with the legislature near a closing. We could not possibly have gotten it out of committee, particularly in view of the fact that a couple of wobbly and very unsatisfactory hearings had been held by the Federal Society on their pending bill."

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"I very much hope that the Congressional Committee next winter will draw a bill asking for the right to vote for congressmen, not senators. I feel now that that is the thing to do, and I would be distinctly grateful of some of the people who are so free with criticism would be equally free in assisting along practical lines. "

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P. S. Let me come back again to the federal bill. I have told Miss Clay, and possibly she has told you, that in my lobby work here I have sounded the members of Congress and have found almost none in favor of it, but this does not discourage me at all. If we can have a proper bill drawn, it can easily be pushed along with the federal amendment. If you would look over the files of our office, you would recognize the fact that the women of the country will not abandon the idea of a federal amendment of some kind."