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Ans. Aug. 9, Sent 025

Washington, D. C.,
August 1, 1916.

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

My dear Miss Clay:-

Last winter you very generously sent a contribution to the special International emergency fund which I have been raising in an effort to help the International Woman Suffrage Alliance over the critical period of its existence during the present war.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the Alliance, is desirous of increasing in this country the associate membership in this Alliance. The annual fee for this membership is five dollars. I am writing to ask, at Mrs. Catt's request, whether you are willing to permit us to credit five dollars of your contribution as your dues for 1916 for such associate membership. This will enable us to enroll you as a member, which we shall be very pleased to do. If you consent, will you please sign and return to me the enclosed card.

Cordially yours,

Janie Bradley Roessing
(Mrs. Frank M. Roessing)

First Vice President.

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Enclosure

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August 4, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington,
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

May I ask you to please send me at once your favorite photograph of yourself for use in connection with the advance publicity campaign for the September Convention at Atlantic City.

I am getting up a special layout and story on the Three Cornered Debate which is to be one of the most important features of the campaign and it is essential that I should have your photograph, as you are to take so prominent a part in it.

Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Hearlip

Publicity Manager

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FRANKFORT, KY.,

Aug 5th

1916

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Clay!

Our National Publicity
manager has written me requesting
photographs of our prominent suffragists
of this State.

You can aid us in
this great publicity campaign by
sending to Mr. Chas. Heaslip, at
National Headquarters your photograph
accompanied by a brief sketch,
containing synopsis of some of the
things you have accomplished,
& some you hope to accomplish.

Knowing how much you
have done and are doing Mrs. Clay,
I feel sure that you will respond
to this appeal for help.

c AUG 5 1963

may I ask you to attend to this matter
at once and oblige,

Yours sincerely
Paul Edwards Simon,
Conn State Publicity Council

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Washington, D. C.,
August 10, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Thank you very much for your prompt and cordial response to my letter about membership in the International. Mrs. Catt will be much pleased to have you enrolled as a member, and has deeply appreciated your interest in and support of the International during this critical period.

Of course we are glad to have your dues in addition to the contribution which you made last December. You are most considerate in sending them for five years in advance, and thus further help to relieve the present financial strain. You will receive the regular membership receipt from the International office.

Cordially yours,

JBR-LA

Janie Bradley Roessing
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THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGIST

PUBLISHED MONTHLY
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CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 11, 1916

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

In introducing myself may I say that I am the recording secretary of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, and as you see I am now interested in a magazine called THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGIST which I hope in time will play a vital part in the awakening of women to their great Civic Responsibility.

Will you kindly contribute an article for my magazine on some phase of the woman's movement?

In order to make this magazine a success it is necessary that we have the co-operation and moral support of all thinking women interested in this great movement.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGIST which I hope you will read and enjoy.

Thanking you for your co-operation, and hoping to receive the article as soon as it is convenient for you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Judith W. Loewenthal

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GERHARD SISTERS
PHOTOGRAPHERS
ST. LOUIS

August,
Twelfth,
Nineteen~~s~~Sixteen.

Miss. Laura Clay.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

Received your proofs this morning, and you want us to finish two and one-half dozen photos for your friends. You want six from the three different styles, that you have marked and twelve of the proof at the window reading, you also want twenty-four prints for reproduction.

The dozen pictures at the window reading will be \$25.00 dozen, and the other dozen will be \$27.00, as you are ordering from two different negatives. The half dozen will be \$12.00, and the prints for reproduction will be \$12.00 for the two dozens.

Hoping this is all satisfactory, awaiting your reply, we are,

Very Truly,

GERHARD SISTERS.

Per. *B.*

No. 348 East Third Street,
Lexington, Ky.,
August 15, 1916.

My dear Friend:-

A committee of the Council of the Diocese of Lexington has purchased for \$1700 (seventeen hundred dollars), a rectory for St. Andrew's Mission to Colored People in this city. In view of the character of the building and location of the lot, the price is considered a reasonable one.

To effect the purchase, the Bishop of Lexington, the Rt. Rev. L. W. Burton, D. D., has had to make himself personally responsible for nearly one-half of the cost of the rectory; and the Diocese is borrowing the other half. I am myself to pay a fair rental for the use of the rectory until the latter is paid for.

My own people are subscribing; and I expect help from the Church people of this city. But I must appeal to you to supplement what they contribute, by giving me one dollar (\$1.00) toward the Rectory Fund, though, of course, you must know that I shall be thankful and rejoiced to receive more.

Please send the gift to Mr. George S. Weeks, Cashier of the Second National Bank in this city and Treasurer of St. Andrew's Rectory Fund, and it will be promptly acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,

J. Henry King

Minister in Charge,
St. Andrew's Mission.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, and, for the twenty years of my episcopate, resident in this city, I know that a rectory is sorely needed for St. Andrew's Mission; and I also realize that a large portion of the purchase price must be raised outside this city. I commend our faithful and aggressive missionary, without qualification and very earnestly, to all who receive his appeal.

Lewis W. Burton

Bishop of Lexington.

Lexington, Ky.,
August 15th, 1916.

Sept. 2. Sent \$25 to Mr. Weeks.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 16th, 1916.

Gerhard Sisters.

St. Louis, Mo.

Yours of the 12th inst. is at hand.

I think you have made one mistake in my order for the photographs. My recollection is that I selected only two of the styles that I returned to you, in addition to the one I did not return, because I had sent it to a newspaper, - the one at the window reading.

My order, therefore, was:

(a) Six for friends.

(b) Six for friends, and ~~six~~ twelve for reproduction.

(c) (The proof I did not return) Twelve for friends, and twelve for reproduction.

This makes two dozen for friends from three proofs; and two dozen for reproduction from two proofs; or four dozen in all.

The rest of your letter is satisfactory; though I think your prices are high; and I hope if I have need of ordering later for reproduction you can make me a lower rate. These newspaper requests are pretty expensive.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible, and oblige

Yours, respectfully,

Home address, Lexington Ky.

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August 17th, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington,
Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

The Associated Press has asked me for advance copies of all the important speeches that are to be delivered at our Convention in Atlantic City next month. They want these copies in the hands of their New York manager at the earliest possible moment so that they may be duplicated and sent to all of the hundreds of papers that take Associated Press service.

As you can appreciate, this nation-wide distribution of copy concerning the cause of suffrage is of tremendous value to us and we will be falling down hard on our jobs if we do not take advantage of the offer which the Associated Press has made. I am going to ask you, therefore, to please send me at once, or at the earliest moment possible, a copy of the speech which you will deliver at the Convention during the three cornered debate and also the one which you will deliver on the "Elections Bill" on the afternoon of September 8th.

Please do not put this matter off as it is most important that we should keep in the good graces of the newspapers and give them advance copy when they ask for it.

Thanking you for past co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Heaslip
Publicity Manager.

P.M.C.

GERHARD SISTERS
PHOTOGRAPHERS
ST. LOUIS

August,
Nineteenth,
Nineteen-Sixteen.

Miss Laura Clay.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Replying to your letter of this A.M.
will say, we have gone ahead with your order for two dozen
photos for friends and two dozen prints for reproduction.

When you returned your proofs you had marked
six of each for friends and the other one six for friends
and twelve for newspapers. We will make three of each from
the proofs you have marked six of each. This makes two
dozen from four proofs and two dozen for reproduction from
two proofs.

Hoping this is satisfactory, we are,

Very Truly,

GERHARD SISTERS.

Per. B.

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Returned for Postage



Miss Laura Clay.

Richmond, Kentucky.

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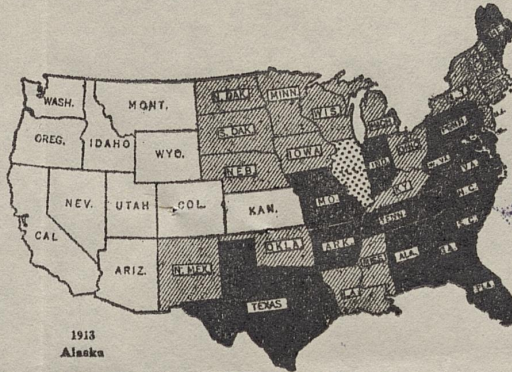
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FRANKFORT, KY.,
Richmond, Ky. August 21, 1916.

Dear Aunt Laura:

Believing you are interested in this letter of Mrs. Catt, I enclose it to you. Please read it and return it as I may need it at the Convention. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure of being with you and mama at Atlantic City. I am going a week earlier. I will meet sister Laura to take little Erskine to school.

We are working on a demonstration for Winchester and Lexington, are going to have leaflets printed with the statements of Hughes and Wilson, and at the same time have a parade.

Yours with much love,

Elise Bennett Smith.
(Mrs Thos. J.)
President

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Note- I also have the credential slip entitling you to attend the Executive Council, September 5th.

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August 25th, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington,
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

At the risk of winning a reputation of being a pestiferous nagger, I am going to again urge you to please send me a copy of the speech which you are scheduled to deliver at our Convention in Atlantic City next month. It really is very important that the copy should be in my hands by next Wednesday morning at the very latest, as more than a thousand copies will have to be made of it for distribution to the news papers.

As we are going to need the newspapers' friendship more than ever before during the next few years, please help me to keep in their good graces by having things in shipshape condition for them by the time our Convention opens.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Heaslip
Publicity Manager.

Per C.

P.M.C.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 25th, 1916.

Mr. C. Heaslip,

New York.

Dear Sir :-

In reply to your letter of Aug. 17th I am enclosing a copy of my address in the three cornered debate. I have not yet completed my speech on the "Elections Bill", but I will send that also, as soon as I can prepare you a copy.

Sincerely yours

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 25th, 1916.

Judith W. Loewenthal,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of Aug. 11th, may I say that it would give me pleasure to contribute an article to The National Suffragist if I had time to prepare one?

I have no views on many aspects of the Woman Question, as I have confined my efforts almost entirely to their right to suffrage. Therefore, I cannot write anything on any other subject.

I doubt whether the little speech I am going to make at the Atlantic City convention, in what is called the three cornered debate will answer your purpose; however, I am sending an advance copy of it, in case you can make any use of it.

I am also going to make a short speech on the U.S. Elections Bill, a subject in which I am deeply interested. If you care to have a copy of that I shall be glad to send you one when I have finished preparing it.

I thank you for the copy of the National Suffragist you sent me. As I am not at home, and have not ordered my second class mail to be forwarded, I have not yet seen it; but I shall examine it with interest.

Hoping that my explanation will excuse my delay in answering the letters from your department, I am

Sincerely yours,

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LEXINGTON.

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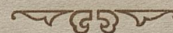
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GOLDEN JUBILEE
OCTOBER 14, 1916



August 26, 1916

Miss Laura Clay,
187 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

On October 14th, the University of Kentucky will celebrate her fiftieth birthday. We are making every effort to have every man and woman who ever attended the University participate in an old fashioned home-coming.

On the night of the 13th, at the Phoenix Hotel, there will be a grand reunion of the men. On the same night the women are to have a party at Patterson Hall.

On the morning of the 14th at nine o'clock there will be a University procession of resident students, alumni by classes and the trustees and faculty. The procession will proceed over the University campus and the resident students will probably march through the streets of Lexington, arriving at the speaking tent in front of the main building at 10:15 where there will be two notable speeches, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the University. After lunch, there is scheduled the greatest football of the year between Vanderbilt and the University of Kentucky. Although our athletic field has borne the name for ten years, before the play actually begins, the field will be formally dedicated "Stoll Field".

[Aug. 26, 1916]

Here is a great chance for you to come back to meet the friends of your youth, so we hope you will begin to plan now to return to Lexington on October 14th.

The 1916 meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association is to be held on October 2nd to 14th, inclusive, so if you could arrange to be in Lexington a day or two before the 14th, you would have an opportunity to see the best in trotting horsemanship.

During your lifetime you will never have an opportunity again to meet so many men and women who were your companions during your school days as you will on October 14th, so if each person invited to be present will make a special effort to give up one day of his year to this renewal of acquaintanceship, the campus of the University of Kentucky will see one of the most loyal gatherings of college folks that has ever been brought together by any educational institution in America.

If there is any specific information desired, relative to the festivities, kindly let us know.

We would be pleased to receive a letter from you, advising us that you will come on October 14th.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

J. Paul Anderson

919 West Franklin

Aug 28th 1914

Dear Sister Laura - I am just
in receipt of a letter from
Wanpibat saying she has de-
cided to remain a second
winter at Back Log Camp.
I believe later, Adirondack
New York and she will be in
New York City Sep 5th and
would like to stop off for a
couple of days at Atlantic
City and I am writing you
hastily to ask if you will
write her direct to Camp
Back Log, as to when you
will be at Atlantic City and

where she could find either
you or Sister Sally; as she will
be alone - Fanny and she
waiting company at camp
as Fanny goes to visit some
of her college friends in the
East? She wants to see the
place and this will be such
a nice opportunity for her to
do so and attend the conven-
tion at the same time - I
have written to both Eliza &
Helen asking them to accom-
pany you and Sister Sally on
a visit to me after the con-
vention and I hope they can
come as it would be so nice
for all of us to be here to -

Yours - I am glad Sister Mary
wants to Crab Orchard & but
I see the shavings and the com-
pany will do her good and
it is not so far but that she
can go and come without
too much fatigue - I wish
she felt it was not too far
for her to come for a visit
to me I would so love to have
her perhaps she could when
the weather is cooler - I must
close as I want time to go at
once that you may have time
to write Warfield - Ever so
much love and the hope of
soon seeing you -
Sincerely yours Sister
A. C. C.

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Lexington, Ky., Aug 29 1916

My Dear Miss Clay: -

Sickness and absence from home has caused delay in replying to your very kind and helpful letter, so splendidly characteristic of you.

I do hope your plans may so work out that you will be able to be with us during the convention. Your great ability and helpfullness in convention work is always missed.

Many many thanks for contribution to both State and Local work.

Cordially your friend
Norah B. Taylor.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 20th, 1910.

Mrs. J. M. Judah,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Judah,

Please find enclosed my check for \$100.00, in payment of my pledge made at the Board Meeting in Lexington.

My sister, Mrs. Bennett and I, are preparing to go to Atlantic City next week. I trust the convention will be able to straighten out the national policy to some extent, for just now it seems to me to be running on partisan lines.

Very sincerely yours,

Richmond, Ky. August 31, 1916.

Mr. Chas. Heaslip,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a synopsis of the remarks I shall make on the United States Elections Bill. I shall hope to have from fifteen to twenty minutes on the program to make my address.

I regret not being able to send this synopsis earlier, but I have done so as soon as I could.

Respectfully yours,

SYNOPSIS OF MISS CLAY'S REMARKS.

c Aug 31, 1916j

The United States' Elections Bill provides: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That women who are citizens of the United States and who possess the qualifications requisite for men for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislatures shall be eligible to register and vote in the States wherein they reside in all elections for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States of America."

When in 1789 the Constitution of the United States superseded the Articles of confederation the government ceased to be merely a league among several states, and formed a "more perfect Union" proceeding from and established by the People of the United States.

Unlike the Confederation, which was formed by and acted only on sovereign states, the powers of the new Constitution emanate from the people, and are to be exercised directly on them and for their benefit. Thus, in addition to the State governments, another government of enumerated powers was established, so that now "in our political system we have a government of the United States and a government of the several states. Each one of these is distinct from the others, and has citizens of its own, who owe it allegiance, and whose rights within its jurisdiction it must protect."
(Cruikshank Decision).

Each of these governments to have officers created by themselves, and filled in the manner prescribed by their Constitution or laws. The offices of President and Vice President of the United States and Senators and Representatives in Congress are all offices of

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the United States; created by its Constitution, which also directs how they are to be filled.

Each State must appoint in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, the electors to elect the President and Vice President. In 1913 the Legislature of Illinois granted the privilege to women, though they have not State constitutional right to vote for State officers, thereby departing from the uniform practice of all the other states, which prescribe that the presidential electors shall be voted for only by citizens who vote for the State officers.

Originally, Senators were to be chosen by the Legislatures of the States; but, by the 17th Amendment, which went into effect in 1913, Senators are now to be chosen by the people, with qualifications prescribed by the several states for the electors of the popular branch of their Legislature.

But, from the establishment of the Constitution, the Members of the House of Representatives were to be chosen by the People of the several States, without any intervention of their Legislatures. ^{See Art. I, sec. 2 of Constitution} As the people comprise, obviously, persons unfitted for voting by age, residence, etc., the Constitution, instead of itself prescribing qualifications, adopts for its own electors the qualifications prescribed by the several States for the electors of their most numerous branch of the Legislature.

When the United States' Constitution was adopted the States had constitutions of their own. With the exception of New Jersey (and possibly Georgia) all the states vested the right of voting in male citizens only. Congress left the machinery of providing for taking the votes in Federal elections to the States, though undeniably it has the right to prescribe the regulations for Federal elections.

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Now, because the idea of woman suffrage was unfamiliar to the people, or because the control of the elections were left by Congress entirely in the direction of the States, or for whatever reason it may be, it is certainly true that the distinction of the right of the people to vote for members of the House of Representatives, and the right of the States to prescribe qualifications have been confounded; and the right and the qualifications have been assumed to be one and the same thing; And, where states have not given women suffrage in State elections, it has been assumed that they have had the constitutional right to exclude them from the United States' Election for the Members of the House of Representatives, because the State had the right to limit voting in the States to male citizens.

The question, therefore, for suffragists to consider is: Does the language in which the Constitution vests this right of voting warrant the custom of the States in regarding sex as one of the qualifications they may prescribe for voters at this election?

The advocates of this Bill hold that it does not. It is perfectly clear that no community in which there is only one sex can properly be called "the People" in the connection in which it is used in the Constitution. National existence is dependent upon the functions of both sexes; as is clearly implied in the language of the Preamble in the words, "We, the people of the United States, in order to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" etc., thereby by necessary inference defining the People as consisting of two sexes.

Now, because children are the posterity of men equally with women, the accurate and philosophical language of the Constitution does not permit the assumption that the male sex alone may receive unshared

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by women a right vested in "People" which it itself describes by the above quoted language, as consisting of two sexes. Nor are the States given authority ever to eliminate one sex by the right given to them to prescribe the qualifications which shall be adopted for those of electors in the United States elections for Representatives. For, if women are, in any manner, eliminated from the People who enjoy the right of choosing those Representatives, the Society which remained would no longer be the "People" within the meaning of the Constitution.