

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky

June 7th, 1917.

Alveretta Davies,

Gary, Ind.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 24th ult. came whilst I was absent from home, or it would have been answered sooner.

I do not know of any literature favoring the adoption of Woman's Suffrage by state, as the presumption is by that method, and the burden of proof rests upon those who advocate a Federal Amendment. The strongest assertion of this is the platforms of the two major political parties.

Under another cover I am sending a copy of the Southern Citizen with an article giving the States Rights view.

I enclose an Illinois leaflet, which, while not written for that purpose, is an excellent answer to the argument for the Federal Amendment plan, that the state constitutions are hard to amend. Even the constitution of New Mexico cannot prevent that state from giving women the vote, when the people desire it, by the Arkansas plan of Primary Elections, suffrage.

A great many people who do not care for States Rights do object to the present strong drive for the Federal Amendment because it is evidently hopeless until a much larger number of states have conferred suffrage by the State plan, and the "drive" tends to arouse antagonism to woman suffrage where the States rights sentiment is strong, as it seems to hold out the threat that if women get statehood suffrage the first use they will make of it will be to force an obnoxious Federal Amendment.

Very truly yours,

WOMAN'S PEACE PARTY
116 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL.

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1917

Your annual dues of \$ 1.00 as a National Member
as a Sustaining Member
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of the Woman's Peace Party are now payable. We very much hope that at this time when we so much need your support and co-operation you will feel like renewing your membership.

Eleanor Daggett Karsten
Office Secretary

Please make checks payable to MISS SOPHONISBA P. BRECKINRIDGE, Treasurer.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Miss Anna L. Clay
189 North Main St
Lexington
Kentucky.

[June 17, 1917]

IMPORTANT FOR SPEAKERS.

For purposes of advance press work as well as for accurate reports of suffrage meetings, it is necessary that each speaker should upon being engaged for service, supply the Press Department with the following material.

1. ONE PHOTOGRAPH (preferably with light and shade for purpose of newspaper reproduction)
2. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL. This material should include a report of various civic activities engaged in by the speaker heretofore, anecdotes, experience as a Suffrage speaker, etc.
3. COPY OF PRINCIPAL SPEECH. Each speaker should carry with her at all times press copies of her addresses for newspaper use. By means of newspaper reports, the audience of the speaker is increased many thousand-fold.

[June 14, 1917]

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FULL NAME _____

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June 14, 1917

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

My dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing a biographical form which I wish you would fill out. You understand how important it is for us to have the proper publicity about you before you speak, and I should like to have material that is quite up to date.

I am going to arrange to have you go to all the large cities in New York State for a month beginning September 15th. Will you kindly let me know whether it will be convenient for you to leave Lexington on September 14th and make your first speech at Buffalo the night of the 15th?

I plan to have you go on from Buffalo ^{City} through the central part of the State and then to New York and back again to Buffalo through the southern part of the State. Does this seem a good arrangement to you, or do you prefer some other?

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Yours sincerely,

Violet Morawetz

(MRS. VICTOR MORAWETZ, Chairman Speakers' Bureau.)

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189 N. Millst., Lexington, Ky.

June 15th, 1917.

Eleanor Daggett Karsten, Secretary,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam,

In response to your postal card of the 12th inst., I write to say that I am not sending dues to the Woman's Peace Party because I feel constrained to withdraw from membership in the Peace Party.

I am a pacifist as I have always been; but I never thought war as great an evil as surrender of National rights and National independence. I was alarmed by the Peace Party's advocacy of a referendum on the question of declaring war; which if put into execution would have had the effect of giving enemies and aliens included in the U.S. census an ~~advisory~~ voice in our National affairs and of throwing discredit on the Constitutional power of Congress to declare war. This has made me feel that under the circumstances I am out of place in belonging to a Party which is not guided at all times by a clear-cut American policy.

Respectfully yours,

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June
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My dear Miss Clay:

We have taken your name from
our list of members of the Woman's Peace Party
and I am sorry that you were troubled with the
notice of dues.

You will pardon me, I hope, for
sending you one more communication, namely, a
copy of Miss Addams' address recently given before
the City Club of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Daggett Karsten
Office Secretary

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

EGK:MN

Lexington, Ky., June 21st, 1917.
189 North Mill Street.

Mrs. Violet Morawetz.
New York, NY.

Dear Madam:-

I am enclosing the biographical sketch that you requested and the photograph.

As I understand, you do not yourself desire the abstract of my speech, but that I should have copies of it in order to hand out to newspapers at different points. I will be careful to have these abstracts on hand.

I think it would be perfectly convenient for me to leave home on September 14th and reach Buffalo in time for the night of the 15th. The plan that you have made for me is entirely satisfactory to me; and I shall be glad to follow any changes that you may think desirable to make in it.

Very sincerely yours;

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs

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

My dear Miss Clay:-

I am writing to ask you if it will be possible for you to send me at least two pages of the article on suffrage that you promised to write for the book: "KENTUCKY WOMEN'S WORK and PATRIOTISM." In your letter of May 24th. you told me that you had undertaken some other work, which would prevent you from doing anything else for a week or more.

You are at liberty to write on whatever subject you desire; SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN, or WOMEN IN THE "WORLD'S GREATEST WAR." Nearly every Club woman is engaged in Patriotic Service, and it is possible that the last named subject may be the most appropriate, as you could fittingly embrace suffrage for women in the article. The subject will attract a great deal of attention. ~~XXXXX~~

We are now preparing a new prospectus, in fact it is almost finished, and it is our desire to embrace the beginning of your article in the prospectus.

I am enclosing printers proof of the new title page of book, and another page giving an outline of the work the Club women are doing, and the subjects that will be treated.

I received your Photograph, and a fine Photo-gravure is being made for it. Your portrait along with other prominent Club women will be used in the prospectus, and will also have a place in the book.

Thanking you for past courtesies, hoping to be favored with a reply, also the couple of pages of your article asked for, I am,

Yours cordially,

Ben. LaBree

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June 25, 1917

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

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your prompt attention to our request for your photograph and a biographical sketch. I have given this material to the Press Department. They would, however, like to have an abstract of your speech also, so that they may use parts of it in working up publicity for you. Of course, it will be well for you to have copies of it to give to newspapers when necessary, but our Press Department tries to cover all the newspapers before the speaker reaches a town. This is usually a more effective plan. In case of emergency it will be well for you to carry your speech along.

Yours sincerely,

Victor Morawetz

(MRS. VICTOR MORAWETZ, Chairman Speakers' Bureau.)

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189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

June 26th, 1917.

Col. Ben. LaBree,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed the article you desired for the book: "Kentucky Women' Work and Patriotism".

I fear I may have made the article too long; but I have taken pains to make it historically correct about things on which I have had the best opportunity to know the facts, so that it will be safe for reference.

Hoping it may be satisfactory in the main, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HERBERT HOOVER

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1917.,

Miss Laura Clay,
189- N Mill St.,
Lexington, Ken'y.

My Dear Miss;

Your name is recorded in our files as that of one of the country's ablest speakers.

The "Food Conservation Department" is obliged to embark upon a campaign in which one of the chief factors is that of the spoken word. Herewith we send printed facts concerning the great food problem.

Calls are coming in from all over the country for speakers. They cannot be satisfied without your help. If you cannot give a long period of time to the work - please indicate the conditions on which we may secure your valuable help?

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mina C. Van Winkle

Speakers' Bureau.

Kindly indicate how and on what condition you will serve the country as speaker for the "Food Conservation Department".

Q. 1. Will you donate your services and pay your own expenses?

Ans.

Q. 2. Will you donate your services?

Ans.

Q. 3. Will you give all of your time for your expenses?

Ans.

Q. 4. If you are an officer in a National Organization, will that organization donate your services?

Ans.

Q. 5. If you are obliged to support yourself, what salary is your minimum?

Ans.

Q. 6. Will you tour for the Speakers' Bureau, Chautauquas, by the week, month or single special engagements?

Ans.

Q. 7. Will you speak at County fairs, Harvest Homes, Movies, Theatres, etc.?

Ans.

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 189 N. Mill St.,

Lexington, Ky.

July 12th, 1917.

Mina C. Van Winkle,

Speakers' Bureau, Herbert Hoover, Washington.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your request that I should become one of the speakers for the "Food Conservation Department" I write to say that I am so circumstanced that I cannot leave home for any length of time at present.

I am a farmer; and as you know the summer is the busy time for them. Then about the middle of September I go to New York for a month to take part in the Woman Suffrage campaign. In fact, as a speaker I have had only a moderate experience along other than women suffrage lines.

If you think my services would be useful after the middle of November, you might write to me again.

As to terms; I could not pay my own expenses, but I would cheerfully donate my services to this patriotic work.

Q. 5. I do not belong to any organization which would pay my expenses.

Q. 6. I would give my whole time for a month or more for my expenses and would expect your Bureau to dispose of it according to your own judgment.

Sincerely yours, *Laura Clay*

Richmond, Ky. R.R. #4.

Aug. 6th, 1917.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

Your letter of the 1st was duly forwarded to me. I think it generous of you to send out the letters at your own expense; and I do hope you will meet with a fair response. I think by all means we should pay before Sept. our pledge to the N.A.W.S.A. and I advise that you get a vote at once from the Board to take the money out of the of the time deposit fund, if there is not enough in the checking account after the answers to your letters come in. We are not obliged to hold on to any fund except that from Mrs. Avery's will; and I believe that it is not only right to do, our best to keep our pledge, but that it is good policy to keep our credit with the National by strict business promptness.

Yes, I will "adopt" one of our congressmen by sending a copy of the Woman's Citizen. I choose Mr. Helm; but if his name is already chosen, I will take any other. I hope in a few days to send Mrs. Judah the \$100 I promised for your School Prizes, and perhaps something for the National pledge, and then I will send the subscription money. By-the-by, Mrs. Judah can use this \$100 for awhile, if you do not need it at once for the prizes, to help pay the National, though it must finally be used for the prizes.

I congratulate you on your excellent and timely open letter about the White House picketing. I saw it in the Lexington and the Richmond paper; and I suppose it was published in many others. I fear we are going to have further embarrassment from these Con-Union people; and it should make us cautious about the discretion of persons invited to speak for Asso. about the S.B.A. Amendment. Did you notice that Sen. Harding, of Ohio, was almost violent against the Ohio Suf. Asso., saying Mrs. Upton had repudiated the acti

[Aug 6, 1917]

ions of the Congressional Union in her open letter to the President, but that Ohio suffrage speakers had expressed sympathy with them in their speeches in Ohio? I think Miss Shaw's letter to the President, calling his pardon of them patriotic, was very ill-advised. Having disclaimed any connection with them, I think we should have ignored any notice of what happened to them in any public way. I was glad to see that the Ohio suffragists were upheld in their attacks on that Referendum, in regard to which Sen. Harding attacked them, by the courts of at least two counties. When I last observed the accounts of them. I think these events should make our Board careful about inviting the speakers Mrs. Catt offers; though I do not wish to offer any obstacle to their complying with any plan of the National.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. Do not be timid about your efficiency as our president. I assure you that I feel that you are "making good" all the time!.

R.R.#4, Richmond, Ky.

Aug.13th, 1917.

My dear Mrs.Judah;-

Please find enclosed my check for \$241.07, for payments as follows:

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| My pledge to Mrs.South for extra premiums for prizes.----- | \$100.00 |
| Woman's Citizen to Ky.Congressman, preferably Mr.Helm----- | .70 |
| Togo to Ky.W.R.A.pledge to N.A.W.S.A.- | ----- 100.00 |
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The other 40.37 is payment on Bruce Fund, as itemized on an other sheet.

I have written to Mrs.South, in response to an official letter, that I think our pledge to the N.A.W.S.A. should be paid in full before Sept.1st, even if we have to draw upon our credit account to do it; since we are not obliged to retain any part of that except the \$500.00 from Mrs.Avery's will. I also wrote her that I would be willing for this \$100.00 I am paying for the Prizes to be temporarily used to help the payment of the pledge to the National, though it must be finally used for the prizes.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

R.R.#4, Richmond, Ky.

Aug.13th, 1917.

My dear Mrs.Judah=-

This is the trustee account of the Bruce Fund from my last payment, April 23rd, 1917, through Aug.15th, 1917.

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| Receipts: Rent from Poules to April 25,----- | \$9.00 | |
| May17th, Rent from B.Cirtly - - - - - | 2.50 | |
| June 6, Rent from Curtly°_-- - - - - | 5.00 | |
| June 10, Rent from Curtly - - - - - | 5.00 | |
| July 7th, Rent from Curtly - - - - - | -5.00 | |
| July 25th. Rent from Curt;y - - - - - | -5.00 | |
| Total rent | | <u>31 .50</u> |
| Expenses on cottage. | | <u>21.13</u> |
| Water bill left by Pou;es .50 | | 10.37 |
| Ahern Plumbing Co. 8.00 | | |
| Com. Renting to Curtly, at \$100. 2.00 | | |
| Chas.Lewis , work on repairs 2.50 | | |
| Wm.Wilson, keys and locks 1.00 | | |
| Com.to Woolfolk for collecting 1.00 | | |
| June 16th, June half city taxes 6.13 | | |
| | <u>21 .13</u> | |
| Remainder due - - - - - | \$10.37, on cottage | |
| Godd Samaritan Int. due | <u>30.00 August 15th,</u> | |
| | 41.37 | |

The falling off in rent is due to change of tenants, and consequent considerable repairs. I am going to sell that cottage whenever I can get my price.

Cordially yours,

Laura Clay

Trustee for L.S.Bruce.

941 Lake Ave.
Racine, Wis., Aug. 21, 1917

Mrs. Laura B. Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Friend:-

I remember with very great satisfaction the interest you have taken in the effort to secure a law enabling women to vote for members of Congress according to the constitution. You know, of course, how hard Mrs. Colby worked to establish this idea; in fact, she gave her life for it. Just now the Federal Suffrage Association is trying to put a sketch of the Federal Suffrage effort, together with some account of Mrs. Colby's life into the various libraries of the country.

I doubt not you would like to contribute toward the accomplishment of this purpose. The book will be a small book and ought to sell for from 50¢ to 75¢. We hope to bring the book out in about a month. Can you give an order for a number of the books? Or will you make a contribution in any other way.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

OLYMPIA BROWN

President, Federal Suffrage
Association

Dic.

*Ans. Aug. 29: Sent \$10. and asked for
2 copies of book.*

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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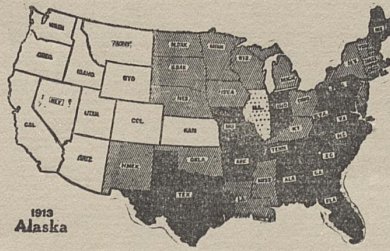
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Lexington, Ky.,

Frankfort, Ky., August 25, 1917.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura:

The Kentucky Council of Defense held a patriotic conference in Louisville last week. At this conference it was decided to select the week beginning September 25th as patriotic week. It was decided to hold patriotic rallies in every county in the state during that week, the object of course being to arouse the people of the state to a more thorough understanding of the very serious National situation. At all of these rallies a number of speakers will give addresses and a number of good women speakers are desired, as it is claimed that the mothers and wives are attempting to influence sons and husbands not to enlist. It is also claimed that many mothers are having their sons claim exemption on the ground of being the main support of the mother when in reality such is not the case. I am very anxious to send to Professor Cherry a list of good suffragists who would be willing to give their services as speakers and I am writing to ask if you would be willing for me to send him your name.

With most cordial good wishes for you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Christie Buckley Smith

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September 4, 1917

My dear Miss Clay:

Although I was more than glad when I first wrote to you to find that you would be willing to give us one month for speaking during our campaign, as you stated in your letter of recent date, conditions have changed since that time. Interest in Suffrage is not exactly paramount in New York State at present, and we are having a great deal of difficulty in placing speakers and especially in trying to arrange tours.

Although our leaders have all written me that they would be delighted to have you come to them, they find it almost impossible to arrange satisfactory meetings for you. Everyone is so engrossed in war work and Red Cross work that they are a little afraid they will not be able to muster an audience which would be worthy of your splendid speaking. However, the nearer we come to the end of the campaign, the more interest we can evoke and I feel confident that by accepting your very kind suggestion of curtailing your trip and thus bringing it nearer to the end of the campaign we will be better able to arrange a good tour for you. Will it be satisfactory for you, therefore, to arrive in Buffalo on the 25th of September, remaining there through the 30th and then coming East, returning again on the 15th of October, as you have arranged?

Personally I feel it a distinct loss not to have you in New York State for as long as you are willing to stay, but so long as you understand how unusual things are this year, I am taking advantage of your offer rather than urge the upstate leaders to have meetings which they do not consider opportune.

Thanking you for your gracious letter, and trusting that you will find this arrangement satisfactory, I am

Sincerely yours,

Victor Morawetz
(MRS. VICTOR MORAWETZ, CHAIRMAN SPEAKERS' BUREAU.)



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Miss Laura Clay
Richmond

My Dear Miss Clay

While in Columbus I met several influential socialists who stated that they were positive that the straight socialist vote was pulled for the suffrage amendment. This also was the opinion of the majority of the ladies in charge of the suffrage tent.

The only person who did not appear to think so was the chairman of Franklin's Association who said that

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had they received the 1500 socialist
vote they would have won in
her county. He had to admit
however that the straight party
membership was only 1200 and
that they ^{the suffragists} were out when
the socialists were strong.

It is probable that a large
percentage of the 13000 who voted the
socialist ticket in addition to
the party members were reformers
who were disgusted with present
conditions and simply voted it
as a protest and did not make
up any part of the ~~straight~~ socialist vote
and therefore would be
just as likely to vote against

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The suffrage amendment as for
it. Which simply strengthens
the claim that the socialist
cannot count on the aid
of any reform associates as
they are just as likely to go
against them as in the future,
and can only count on a
shaky socialist vote

Your truly
G. J. Mark

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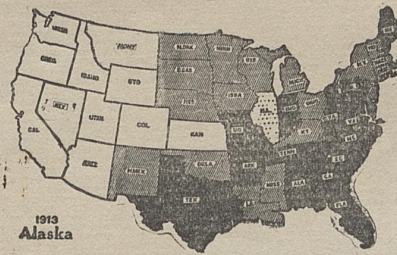
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Lexington, Ky.,

Frankfort, Ky. September 7, 1917.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura:

I am writing to tell you that we have sent a check for \$250.00 to the National Suffrage Association, which completes the third payment on our \$1000.00 pledge and leaves us owing \$226.00, which will be due in October.

So far I have received in response to the letters I have sent out, your very generous donation, \$100.00 from Mrs. Johnson N. Camden, \$25.00 from Mrs. Joseph Alderson, \$5.00 from Mrs. Firth and \$3.00 from Mrs. Samuel Castleman.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, which is self-explanatory. Will you kindly write me your opinion as to what our response should be? I may be compelled to call a Board meeting, but I hoped, if possible, I could avoid doing so, so I am sending a copy of this letter to each member of the Board asking for an expression of opinion.

One other matter I wish your opinion about is the Convention this fall. The Board voted against Covington and while we have been invited to Paducah, Mrs. Post very frankly writes that there will be no hope of securing any large donations and she doubts if we can even expect very large audiences in the evening. I cannot invite the convention to Frankfort as we have no hotel and the suffrage league here is not composed of women who are prepared, or would even be willing to attempt to entertain delegates. Would it do for me to ask Lexington to have the convention this fall? It could be arranged so that the Lexington League would not be compelled to incur any of the expense. I believe it would be a good place as I am trying to revive leagues in towns such as, Georgetown, Versailles, Midway and a number of the mountain towns. Lexington would be accessible to all of these places, as well as to Louisville, Frankfort, etc.

Sept. 7, 1917

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I deeply appreciate your generous donation to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. It is certainly encouraging to have such co-operation as you always give.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Christine Bessley South

(Mrs. John Glover South)
President Kentucky Equal Rights Association

CBS:M

C O P Y.

[Sept. 7, 1917]

New York, N. Y.
September 4, 1917.

Dear Madam President:

The question of finances for 1918 and how best to meet the needs of the N. A. W. S. A. treasury, will be one of the most vital matters to come before our National Suffrage Convention this year. The convention of 1916 adopted a new fiscal plan known as the Million Dollar Plan, and it is important to know whether this plan is considered reasonably successful by the state association in affiliation with the National Suffrage Association; and whether it shall continue as a permanent fiscal plan for this Association.

The outstanding features of the Million Dollar Plan are:

1. Its unification of the financial system of the Association's entire affiliated membership, and an approximate knowledge of the total amount raised and spent for suffrage throughout the country.
2. Due credit to each state association for all individuals or local league contributions to the National Association treasury from the various states.
3. Regular quarterly payments and quarterly reports from state association treasurer's to the national treasurer, and quarterly reports from the national treasurer to state association treasurers of all moneys received from each state association.
4. The presentation of attentative national budget as a basis for amount needed to be raised.
5. Stimulus to state associations in meeting as fully as possible their state appropriate and the proportion of it pledged to the national treasury.

Will you take up with your Board at an early date this question of continuing the Million Dollar Fund Plan as the working financial plan for 1918? Will you send me on or before October 1st, at the latest, the judgment of your Board as to this plan; any serious criticisms of it, any suggestions by which it may be made more effective?

If your Board can suggest a wiser and more productive plan, kindly send an outline of same. Our National Suffrage Board will meet October 2nd and chiefly to consider the question of financing the National Association for 1918. Your judgment is therefore especially requested for that important meeting.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Emma Winner Rogers
Treasurer
National American Woman Suffrage Association

Richmond, Ky. R.R. #4

Sept. 10th, 1917.

My dear Mrs. South,

By all means ask for an invitation from Lexington for the State convention. I believe it will be readily given, and that it is an excellent place to hold it. I am sorry that my absence from the city prevents my helping to secure the invitation; but I am confident Mrs. Hutchinson will do all that is necessary. If it goes to Lexington, I pledge \$50.00 to the State to help expenses of the convention.

About the National Finance plan:

In my opinion, the plan has worked very well in Ky., but it is because we were very conservative in what we pledged for State work. Our Board had already decided on \$5000 as the State budget, and we pledged 20% of that to the National, - the only state, I believe, which pledged more than 10%. I believe we can safely promise again \$1000 to the National; but in view of the war, I believe we positively should not base our donation on a percentage to be raised for the State, unless we make the \$1000 donation a very large percentage, even up to 90%. We must be left free to accommodate ourselves to our circumstances, in the State, at least. The National, of course, must have some foreknown basis upon which to frame its plans. But I think the plan of percentage interferes too much with state flexibility, and serves no useful purpose. Giving credit both in State and National books is, I believe, a stimulus to the local organizations, and a useful propaganda in showing the really immense sums spent for suffrage work. But this feature can be retained without the State percentage feature. If, however, the consensus of opinion should be to retain the State percentage feature, I

recommend that we should include in the State expenditure all the patriotic donations given in regularly authorized channels, such as the Red Cross, the Navy League, the W.C.T.U., etc. The National, in fact, took up war work as means of holding the organization intact during the war, and as a means of demonstrating the patriotism and public usefulness of women. Therefore, I think it would be both appropriate and practicable to have a large state budget, if we include these donations. Otherwise, I feel that it is most hazardous to pledge more than a small sum; for I believe that pledges given and not redeemed are a source of weakness from every point of view. We cannot foresee what demands the war will make upon us; and without the limitation I have suggested, I shall be opposed to our State pledging what we did last year for State work.

I am very much gratified that we are in sight of paying the whole of our National pledge; and of paying it on time.

Very cordially yours,

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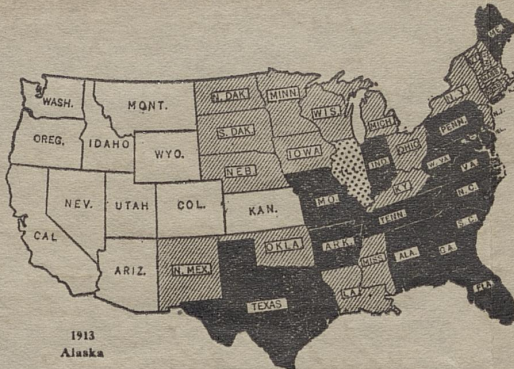
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FRANKFORT, KY. *Overseers Sept 16-17*

Dear Miss Laura
I have just returned to Kentucky after an absence of three months, and I want to remind you about your picture which you promised me. I want it so much, and now that I won't see you at board meetings any more, I want it more than ever. I am sending my resignation to Mrs. South in the same mail. You know last November I said I would have to do so before another convention, and think it best to do it now. The condition of my eyes makes it impossible for me to do secretarial work. Since I saw you last our youngest son has gone to France with the Reserve Engineers and a letter dated Aug 25 says they are near enough to the firing line to hear the booming of cannon, and have had several air raids from enemy's machines. I am praying that God

will keep my boy, body and soul, and send
him back to me. I feel as if I had dreamed
the events of the last few weeks for it all
seems so unreal. Have a son in law who is
an officer in the army, and our daughter
has come to stay with us, until they can be
located again. I shall always think of you
as the one woman, who has borne the cause
of woman's suffrage in Kentucky, when there
were so few to share the burden, and I
shall miss seeing you. But maybe some how
and some when I shall. Wish every good wish
for you in all things I am

Devotedly

Francis H. Hayes

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~~Lexington, Ky.,~~
Frankfort, Ky. September 18, 1917.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Rules governing the suffrage contest for school essays. I am sending this to you to ask if there are any suggestions you would like to offer as to changes to be made in these Rules. I wish to have the new Rules printed and sent out at once, but I first desired to submit these to you for any suggestions you might like to make. Did I understand that the \$100.00 you donated was to be used in addition to the \$100.00 given heretofore, thus, making \$200.00 to be given in prizes, or, that the \$100.00 given by you was the only money to be used this year for school prizes?

I wrote Mrs. Hutchinson in regard to holding the Convention in Lexington. I hope so much to receive a favorable reply. I thank you for your cordial invitation and your offer of assistance in case we come to Lexington. In fact, I do not know what would become of the Kentucky Equal Rights without your assistance.

With very best wishes for you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Christine Buckley South

(Mrs. John Glover South)

CBS:M

Richmond, Ky. R.R. #4.

Sept. 21st, 1917.

My dear Mrs. South,

Your letter containing the rules for the school prizes is at hand.

I have never known exactly what has been done in our Association with this Prize scheme; and therefore have no grounds for criticism. But these rules do not appear to me to reach the object which seems to me to be the one desired. The only lesson I have had is that of the Normal School at Richmond, where the project has been carried out under the supervision of Mrs. Reark, who first worked it out there. Here there is a prize offered of ten dollars: The essays are to be read at a public meeting at the ~~univ~~ college. The public comes; there is a fine audience, and the prizes are awarded by judges appointed. Thus you see it has all the effect of a public speech, with an interested audience, and without any expense to the association except the prize. Hall advertising, fee to speaker, are all provided free. This seems to me a cheap and feasible method for having public discussion in places where it would be hard to send speakers.

Of course, the plan proposed in these rules may have valuable results; though if there is no more publicity required than what is mentioned, I do not see that the benefit will extend beyond exciting the interest among a small number of young people; for I do not really believe that at this date of the literature on the suffrage question any thing valuable in the way of ^{a tract} ~~literature~~ will be produced; and even if the newspapers will publish free the prize compositions I believe the readers would be very few.

However, as I say, I do not know enough of what has been done or attempted to criticize. I would only suggest that the \$100 I have

contributed should be expended in the method which has proved very effective at the Normal School; and the \$100 voted by the Board should be expended in any other way that seems desirable, so that next year we will have something by which to compare methods.

You ask if what I contributed was all there is in this fund. As I understood it, the Board appropriated \$100 for the Prize Committee, and I added my contribution so that more prizes could be offered. I believe also it was decided that smaller prizes and more of them would have a better effect. But you could decide about that from the minutes of that Board meeting.

Mrs. Hutchinson seemed to think the Lexington Asso. would be glad to invite the convention. I was in Lexington this week and talked with her over the 'phone. But by this time you have heard from her.

On Monday I start for New York, where I am to work for three ~~was~~ weeks in the campaign. So if you do not hear from me in answer to any letter you may write you will understand why.

Very cordially yours,

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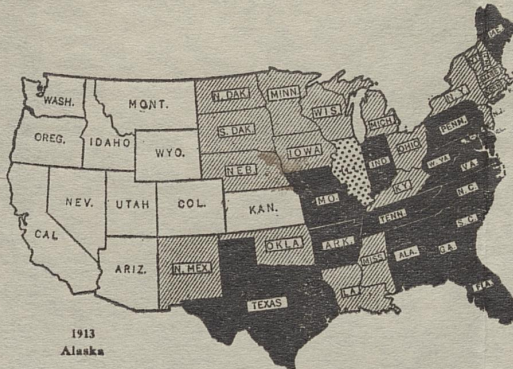
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Dear Miss Laura

The photo came this morning and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it. I have never seen a more pleasing picture of any one, and it is just like you. I hope you will have great success in New York, and believe you will. I will go tomorrow to Crittenden Co. to take part in the week program of patriotic speaking. Prof Cherry telegraphed me yesterday about this work and it was quite a surprise to me. I want to come to the convention but do not know as yet; however I shall hope to see you somewhere. I shall try to inject some suffrage into my speaking this week. With kindest regards I am

Yours gratefully

Frances H. Hays
(Mrs J. D.)