

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 3rd, 1920.

Mrs. Bessie E. Somerville,

Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of Dec. 29th was duly received, and I have had mailed to you a package of the literature you desired. Our stock of the Fourteen Points is almost out just now, and I could not send many of them. But in a few days we will have a new supply, and I shall be glad to send more if you desire them.

I have not a catalogue of Ky. newspapers; and I have never seen a poll of those which are opposed to suffrage or even to the Anthony amendment. All parties in the State are committed to woman suffrage; and I believe it would be difficult to get matter printed opposed to it.

I cannot give advice as to the feasibility of your Association sending a representative to Frankfort. The anti-suffragists have never been able to organize in the State; and I doubt if an organizer could find any women or men in Frankfort to co-operate with her.

I have read the Declaration of Principles you sent with the deepest interest. There is little in them which any believer in States Rights might not heartily endorse. When I think of what a blow to States Rights the ratification of the Amendment will inflict, my grief is renewed that the chief responsibility for it must rest with the Southern States. They ought to have seen years ago that no Democrat or Republican in the Western States could resist woman suffrage with any more hope of success than he could resist Anglo-Saxon domination in the Southern States. Yet the Southern States have been obdurate in resisting the current for woman suffrage regardless of the interests of their Western Democratic friends, until they have isolated themselves from national

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sympathy with their own peculiar social and racial problems. It is not to the credit of those who insist upon Anglo-Saxon supremacy that they have shown its efficiency as so small that it is not compatible with regard to any other problem that affects the National life. White supremacy, as I have often told my Southern suffrage friends, is an issue which is of little or no importance to more than a half-dozen States; and the rest of the country will not consent to sacrifice great national issues and problems to the self-centred wishes of these half-dozen. Politicians, we may say statesmen, of every party and every section see that woman suffrage is necessary to relieve the great strain that is being put upon our institutions by radicalism of every form; and yet Southern conservatives persist in shutting their eyes to the problems of every section except their own small one; and have so obstructed the orderly and American way of change by State amendments that now, like a flood breaking from its barriers, a revolutionary measure, the Anthony amendment, seems almost certain to sweep away both opposition to suffrage and States Rights together. Manhood suffrage alone cannot be maintained. At one time it still remained in the power of the Southern States to preserve States Rights. Now I fear that time has passed. The only hope, as I see it, is for the rapid passage of State Amendments; and the passage of Presidential Suffrage, which is in the power of Legislatures to grant.

On that principle, I expect to labor without ceasing for State Amendments, whether or not the Anthony amendment is ratified.

I trust you will pardon this overflow of my feelings, with which you cannot have entire sympathy, since you are an anti; but as I agree with so many of the principles you endorse I trust you will have patience with this very unreserved expression of mine.

Very truly yours,

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 9th, 1920.

Mr. Geo. S. Weeks, treasurer,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I had supposed that my understanding was correct that subscribers to the Nation-Wide Campaign in this parish would not necessarily contribute to Sewanee University. But yesterday at the Woman's Auxiliary meeting Dean Massie explained that he was of the opinion that while subscriptions which excluded Sewanee would be used strictly for objects not excluded yet other funds which were not thus limited might be and probably would be used to make up the quots of this parish for Sewanee, and that the effect of excluding Sewanee from any particular subscription would be merely to release other funds for that purpose, and would not affect the amount of money Sewanee would receive from the Nation-Wide Campaign in this parish.

This interpretation of the obligation of this parish would entirely defeat my intention in excluding Sewanee in my pledges to the Nation-Wide Campaign.

I excluded it because I am unwilling to involve myself in an appeal to Church loyalty like that in the Every Member Campaign wherein women and girls are urged to subscribe to the support of a University owned by the Episcopal Church which yet arbitrarily maintains a sex privilege by limiting its advantages to men alone.

As I made my card pledges to the Nation-Wide Every Member Campaign under a misapprehension involving what I consider a point of principle, I hereby revoke them.

If there is any way whereby I can subscribe to the current expenses of this parish without contributing directly to Sewanee, or indirectly by

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releasing other funds not explicitly given to Sewanee but which may be or can be used for Sewanee, please kindly to inform me, as I desire to avail myself of it.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will  
kindly send us a photograph of yourself to be used for  
publication.

Yours very truly,

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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:

It gives me pleasure to advise you **that** the questions, which you handed to the Vestry at its meeting, January 12th, in connection with the recent Campaign held by Christ Church Cathedral, have been turned over to a committee appointed for that purpose, which committee will give the matter its immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

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SECRETARY OF THE VESTRY,  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

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Jan. 14th, 1920.  
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Sen. J. C. W. Beckham,  
Sen. J. C. W. Beckham, Washington, D. C.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-  
Dear Sir:-

I am writing to remind you of your promise made when I saw you at the Democratic State convention to assist the Citizens Committee for State Suffrage Amendment in securing the submission of the amendment by the present Ky. General Assembly. I think this submission is important to the future of the Democratic party in Kentucky, especially to that branch of it which has not been in sympathy with the Anthony Federal amendment.

As you know, the Federal amendment was ratified in Kentucky by a larger vote from the Republicans than from the Democrats; therefore it will be easy for the Republicans to claim the greater part of the credit for suffrage legislation, unless the Democrats show that they have been consistent with their National platform of 1916,

declaring for suffrage by State amendment; that they followed up this principle in their State platform of 1919, and adhered to their promises and party consistency by securing the submission of the State amendment in 1920.

I am firmly of the opinion that this consistent position is the only one which will insure an impartial attitude of the coming women voters toward the Democratic and Republican parties. Without some action to equalize the Democratic with the Republican party in the confidence of the women voters it seems to me the political future of the Democratic party will be seriously injured and particularly of that branch of it which has not favored the Federal amendment; but that it can establish its claim to consistency to party pledges of favor to woman suffrage by taking now a decisive stand for the State suffrage amendment.

Until the last few days I had not feared much difficulty from either the Republicans or Democrats in submitting the State amendment; but it now appears that in addition to the Constitutional amendment to make the State Superintendent of Schools a statutory instead of a constitutional officer it is very probable that the Republican program for State expenses will require another State amendment, giving greater power for raising money by taxation. I cannot describe exactly the scope of this proposed amendment, because it has not yet been made public. But as the Republican platform already has in it the school amendment and their policy demands another, while only two are permitted to be proposed by one legislature, it means that no help can be expected



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from the Republicans for the suffrage amendment, unless they are forced to give it. But it seems to me that if the Democrats, having the majority in the Senate and a large minority in the House allow the Republicans to carry out their platform of submitting a school amendment and then to thrust in a second amendment to assist them in carrying out their program and thus exclude the Democrats from opportunity to be consistent with their National pledge of 1916 and their State pledge of 1919, the Democrats will be tamely submitting to repudiating their own pledges for the advantage of the Republicans, at the same time that they leave the major part of the credit, if such it may be called, for passing the Federal amendment to the Republicans.

I cannot see otherwise than that such a feeble policy will militate against the Democrats, both in the next presidential election and against any hope of theirs to regain ascendancy in the State at some future time. The Democrat should force a division of the two possible amendments between the pledges of the Republicans and the pledges of the Democrats. The Democrats should redeem their pledges to the States Rights suffragists and so prove their good faith and consistency in standing by their National platform of 1916 and their State platform of 1920.

Under these circumstances I am writing to ask you to do what you can for the submission of the State amendment, though at this time I cannot make suggestions for any particular action; but can only lay before you the situation as it appears to me.

Very respectfully yours,

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January 14th,

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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.,

My dear Miss Clay:-

I am taking the liberty of writing to you for your very good advice on a subject with which you are more familiar perhaps than any one in the State.

As a preface I find that I have been misrepresented so often concerning my personal views on woman suffrage that I have decided with your advice to introduce a joint resolution, copy of which I am inclosing, covering woman suffrage in Kentucky. If that resolution passes the amendment will be voted on at the next November election.

In discussing the Anthony amendment with a number of lawyers and women I find a difference of opinion as to whether the Anthony amendment covers woman suffrage in all elections, in other words equal suffrage with men, or whether it only covers the Federal offices such as President, Congressmen and Senators. If in your good judgment you think it necessary I will be very pleased to introduce my joint resolution, or if you, representing the State's Rights wing of the suffrage party, have a better resolution to offer I would consider it an honor if you would allow me to introduce it.

There are certain interested parties in Lexington that have spread the report widely among my constituents that I am an unrelenting foe to woman suffrage, whereas I have never been a foe to woman suffrage but have agreed with you in every way in your doctrine of State's Rights and my vote of a few days ago was a consistent vote with my attitude on the National Prohibition amendment of the last session.

I will be very pleased if you will give me your very good advice in regard to the above matter. I would also be very pleased if you would take the trouble to correct the false impression of my attitude toward suffrage as outlined above.

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Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*Arch. L. Hamilton*

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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:--

We are desirous of obtaining a photograph of you, to comply with several requests we have had from the various newspapers we represent. Is it possible you could supply us with a photograph?

Thanking you for any courtesies shown in the matter, we are

Very truly yours,

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189 N. Mill St.

Jan. 15th, 1920.

Mr. H. W. Sierichs,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- In

Incompliance with your request in your letter of Jan. 12th, I am enclosing under another cover a photograph of myself to be used for publication.

Respectfully yours,

January 15th, 1920

Colonel John R. Allen,  
Fayette Bank Building,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Colonel Allen:-

The answer to the most interesting question in your letter under date of January 14th is found in the enclosed copy of the "Program of Development", which has been widely circulated in letters to the communicants in the several Dioceses where the Campaign has been waged.

You will note that this Program was outlined and approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting last June. There are eight things specifically mentioned which the Million Dollar Endowment Fund will in part, or in whole, assure the University, and one of these eight is a provision for the educational needs of the Church's women.

The Trustees of the University, you will readily recognize in this step, are decidedly pioneers and are blazing the way in the Church's educational system. The word "co-education" is not used, since the very fact that this is a pioneer movement makes it necessary that the Board go very carefully in so radical a departure from the program of preceding generations. It is an interesting thing that there is not a single educational institution owned and controlled by the Church where a woman may secure an A. B. Degree.

Sewanee is the child of the Church, and the Board of Trustees, as you know, represent the Dioceses which support and control the University. The voice of the Trustees from the Diocese of Lexington has equal weight, of course, with those from each of the others, and in just that measure in which the women in the Diocese of Lexington take part in the affairs of the Church in the Diocese they have part in the control of the University through the Trustees which the Diocese elects.

I believe that the most satisfactory answer to the question of the good lady is, that the Trustees of Sewanee have taken cognizance of the need for the education of the Church's women on equality with her men, and that they have so expressed themselves in the Program of Development referred to.

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Of course all of the progress of the University in every line will be determined by the success of this Campaign - more than that, as we have stated repeatedly, the very life of the institution itself is at stake at this moment.

This should be a great challenge to the women of the Church to take hold and to come to the rescue of the Church's only institution in the South, with its broad-minded Program, which recognizes the needs of the Church's women, as well as the Church's men.

I believe that the women can be made a potent factor in the Campaign and that they will be of inestimable value to you and your plans to complete the quota in Lexington. I trust that the lady referred to, and her many friends who admire her, may be persuaded to take part in your further efforts in behalf of Sewanee.

Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time for any service which we may render.

Yours sincerely,

Wickes Wamboldt

Campaign Director.

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THE VERY REV. ROBERT K. MASSIE, D. D.  
DEAN

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
LEXINGTON, KY.

January 17, 1920

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

Dear Miss Clay:

When you appeared before the Vestry Meeting last Monday to speak about the Sewanee Endowment Fund, and to leave your typewritten questions for the Vestry, the Vestry appointed the following gentlemen as a Committee to prepare a suitable answer to your questions.

Colonel John R. Allen, Chairman of the Sewanee Campaign, and Mr. C. M. Harbison, Chairman of the Nation Wide Campaign, Mr. Henry K. Milward, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Vestry, and myself as Dean.

We were authorized and directed to give to your questions careful consideration and an answer which should be the answer of the Vestry. We therefore have pleasure in submitting to you your questions answered as carefully and wisely as we know how to answer them. These answers were arrived at by the unanimous agreement of the Committee; and I was requested to transmit them to you.

With all assurances of regard and esteem, I am,

Very sincerely,

*Robert K. Massie*  
For the Committee

RKM/W

Jan 17, 1920

What are the exact obligations assumed by this parish for the distribution of funds subscribed to the Nation Wide Campaign by reason of its combining it with the Sewanee Endowment Campaign ?

Answer. All contributions for general benevolences not specifically designated are to be divided as follows:

General Church Work for Nation Wide Campaign	55 1/2 %	Accepted quota	\$5,343.88
Margaret College for Nation Wide Campaign	15 %	Accepted quota	1,421.04
Diocesan Salary Increases for Nation Wide C.	2 %	Accepted quota	216.72
Sewanee	27 1/2 %	Accepted quota	2,655.00
Diocesan Missions	_____		<u>500.00</u>
	100 %		10,136.64

(2) Do these obligations affect all funds contributed to this parish, or only those subscribed to the Nation-Wide Campaign ? Answer. They affect only the funds subscribed to the Nation Wide Campaign.

(3) Do these obligations affect funds derived from endowments or property owned by the parish ? Answer. No.

(4) Are these obligations subject to modifications by later parish meetings ?

Answer. Inasmuch as these obligations have been assumed by the Vestry and ratified at a parish meeting, and as the beneficiaries thereof have been notified of the nature and extent of the obligations assumed, it does not seem to the Vestry that these obligations are subject to modification by later parish meetings.

(5) Will it be possible for any person to make contributions to the current or benevolent expenses, excluding Sewanee, without nevertheless making an indirect contribution to Sewanee by freeing a larger proportion of other funds not so limited which can or may be used for making up the parish's quota to Sewanee ?

Answer. Inasmuch as a budget has been prepared by the Vestry and adopted by the ~~vestry~~ <sup>parish</sup> meeting aforesaid indicating the sums to be raised for parish expenses and the sums to be raised for the purposes of general benevolences as indicated in the answer to question 1, the Vestry feel under obligations first to devote to those respective objects the specific amounts contributed for such objects; second, they feel that it is right, and it is their expectation, to use such contributed funds as are undesignated for the purpose of bringing up the parish income to its estimated budget, and also in bringing up the various objects included under the head of general benevolences to their

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respective quotas already accepted by the parish. Under these circumstances a donor may give either to the parish expenses and have the money exclusively used for that object, or may give to general benevolences specifying the objects and have the money so given used solely for the objects specified, but in our judgment such donor cannot prevent the rest of the parish from making provision to meet its accepted and agreed obligations in the budget already adopted.

(6) What are the promises of the Directors of Sewanee University for the future admission of women to the University on equality with men which may remove or mitigate the charge of their maintaining an institution of sex privilege for men in education on contributions from the general church, including women and girls ?

Answer. We enclose copy of a letter just received this morning from the Campaign Director of the Sewanee Endowment Fund together with the printed program to which he refers.

189 N. Mill St.

Jan. 18th, 1920.

Hon. A. L. Hamilton,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Jan. 14th has been received and read with much gratitude by myself and other members of our Committee. Your offer of service in introducing a State Suffrage amendment is much appreciated. We have already asked Sen. Stell to manage our amendment, as we felt that in a Republican administration it was necessary to put the management of it in the hands of a Republican. Will you kindly confer with Sen. Stell, and advise with him the best steps to take?

In reference to the effect of the Anthony amendment: It will certainly give women the right to vote on all questions and in all elections the same as men. It will make the word "male" a dead letter in the election clause of the State constitution, though the word cannot be removed without State constitutional action. That is one reason among many why we desire a State constitutional amendment.

Your copy of an amendment is like the one Mr. Stell has in hand, with the exception of the words "he or she" which you will observe in the copy I enclose.

On our recent visit to Frankfort we made an effort to see you, but did not find you. I hope you received Mrs. Foster's card which she left on your desk.

We will certainly do what is in our power to set your position on the suffrage question correctly before the public. We believe that standing on the suffrage plank of the Democratic national platform of

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1916 is the only safe and consistent position for Democrats on the suffrage question. That is satisfactory to the States Rights suffragists, and is a rational and dignified attitude for all Democrats.

Again assuring you of our heartfelt appreciation of your offer to help us, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

JACOB H. GRAVES, President  
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Miss Laura Clay,  
187 N. Mill St.  
City.

My dear Miss Clay:

I have waited to reply to your letter of January the 9th. until the Vestry should make some definite decision and should settle the whole matter of the disposition of the money in their hands.

I am writing now to say that I have before me the answers to your questions drawn up by the Committee appointed by the Vestry and these answers seem to me to cover the ground exactly and with the authority of the Vestry. The money therefore will be distributed by the order of the Vestry in accordance with the schedule which was I believe sent you and which was also given to the Treasurer for his guidance.

I notice that these answers had not reached you at the time of your writing to me. Will you please therefore send me just a line to tell me whether you wish to continue your subscription or still wish to revoke it.

Yours truly,

*Geo. S. Weeks*

*Treasurer*

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.  
Jan. 29th, 1920/

Mr. Geo. S. Weeks:-

Dear Sir:-

I have read your letter of Jan. 27th, and have read again with care the answer by order of the Vestry to my questions about money contributed in this parish. Perhaps because I do not know what transpired at the parish meeting referred to, of which no complete report has been given me, I am still uncertain whether or not the vote of that parish meeting made it impossible for the next three years to donate any money to pass through the hands of the parish treasurer without making it subject to a levy of 27 1/2 percent to Sewanee.

It seems to me such an unusual proceeding for a parish to exclude all donors who do not agree with the majority that I am again asking you to state, without reference to any other communication, whether or not there is any expense of the parish to which one may contribute without involving oneself ~~directly or indirectly~~ in contributing directly or indirectly to the Sewanee fund?

Is it possible that the difficulty of my understanding is arising from the circumstance that there were three campaigns being conducted at once, instead of only two campaigns, as I have been supposing, one of which was for the budget of the parish apart from the Nation-Tide and Sewanee campaigns and that the parish campaign was not combined with the other two, and that I have been under a wrong impression about this?

I do not wish to renew the pledges I wrote to revoke, as I confess that so far I have been unable to satisfy myself that I can make such pledges, and yet not involve myself in giving at least indirectly to Sewanee.

If there is any way whereby I can contribute to the parish expenses without involving myself in paying anything to the Sewanee fund it will be a satisfaction to me to do so; and I will consider it a kindness if you will inform me concerning it so that I may avail myself of it without making any pledge.

Hoping for a reply at your early convenience

I am

Respectfully yours,