

Shall I ask her if she will [a.d.]  
give us one or two months on trial?  
I believe she will be the best yet, except  
for Miss Van Pelt?

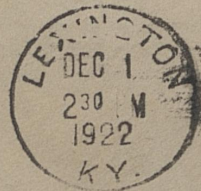
Can I hold out the hope that if the  
two months are satisfactory we  
will keep her through the winter: I  
imagine she will want otherwise to make a  
teaching arrangement - W. W. B.

MISS FLORENCE DILLARD, TREASURER

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Miss Laura Clay,  
187 N. Mill Sts.,  
Lexington, Ky.

C O P Y.

May 16, 1916.

Mrs. J. B. Judah,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Judah:

I send account for April, Campaign Headquarters expense \$29.84. You will notice that \$10. of this expense is for telephones. This was in arranging Mr. Millard's schedules for his month of work, and an expensive one to Mrs. Firth about Mrs. Jaffray. In other words, these are expenses for organizing, but it is simpler for it to continue on my account. You will see from the enclosed financial report of Mr. Millard's that he has cost the State only the \$100. for the month, since one-half the collections plus the sale of literature equal the expenses. He gave us the proceeds of the literature equal the expenses. He gave us the proceeds of the literature sales which were to be his, because he did not supply himself with literature and just sold mine instead. This was previously paid for of course out of my fund. When we made up the complete account on the middle of the day Saturday there was \$1.46 due the State, but as he had to be fed in a hotel that night and the next morning (Desha was away and I was visiting at Ashland, so I couldn't board him that night) we threw in the \$1.46 for those two meals and called it even. I enclose also a check for \$5.00, contributed by Mrs. McClure of Paris (Please send her a receipt) toward these expenses, so that more than pays for the Millard telephones and the State comes out on an even \$100.

I enclose vouchers for rent to May 15th, Stella's salary for April and Campaign Headquarters expenses for April and check for receipts in April.

Cordially yours,

Campaign Chmn.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosures.

Expenses of  
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS  
of the  
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
For April, 1966.  
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[May 16, 1966]

Putting on type-writer letter	.50
Stamps	9.50
Parcels-post	.52
Taxi (self & Mr. Millard)	2.00
\$3.95	
Cut -- map of North America <sup>A</sup> - and postage .07,	4.02
Long distance calls:	
Duty .15, Carter .15, Pearson .15, Averill .65,	1.10
Bishop .45, Smith .35, McClure .15, Redd .35,	1.30
Cochran .30, Duty .15, Phillips .15,	.60
McCarty .15, Lillard .45, Taylor .20, Welch .15,	.95
Bronaugh .15, Smith .25, Camden .25, Leach .25,	.90
McCarty .15, Hunter .15, Leach .25, Camden .15,	.70
McCarty .15, Shackelford .25, Smith .30	.70
Waite .50, McClure .20, Firth 2.75, tax .30,	<u>3.75</u> 10.00
Telephone rental	<u>3.50</u>
	\$29.89

Receipts.

Garden Seed	.25
Playing cards	.25
Literature	.30
Yellow bands	<u>3.25</u>
	\$1.05



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Lexington, Kentucky, July-9-1917.

Dear Miss Laura -

You are a scholar and a gentleman -  
not to say a trump!

I read your letter at luncheon to  
show what a suffragist would do in  
answer to a circular letter. Excuse me  
for also publishing it.

But don't feel slighted - The ladies  
told me afterwards they had visited you  
here several times, but hadn't found you.

I enclose a pledge card - mail back  
to me -

Isn't it good about Russia!

Hastily yours

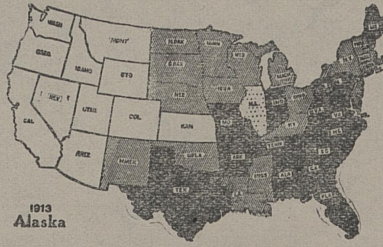
M. McD Breckinridge -

You can change dates on card. We want the  
money as quick as convenient - will have to  
borrow on other notes.

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~~Lexington, Ky.~~ 201 Charlotte St.  
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Dear Miss Laura -

When you have leisure for a little  
 gossip as it were, read the enclosed. The  
 first letter made me "mad" enough to volunteer  
 to go on the Finance Com. — which I don't  
 want to do a bit, certainly not if we don't  
 go into campaign - Mrs. J. is right that I  
 have no more right to give <sup>my \$100.</sup> it conditionally  
 than other people; but we haven't said much  
 about that heretofore, because it's easier  
 for the treasurer to collect <sup>\$100.'s</sup> whenever  
 she can without waiting for all to be  
 pledged - Mrs. Judah told me a year or  
 so ago how much my proposition helped  
 her to raise the money - I think this letter  
 is just a residue of the "soreness" of the  
 Louisville women - Mrs. Judah & I held  
 out the olive branch to each other in our  
 last letters + of course I won't stay "mad",

(over)

but I had some copies made, because I  
thought I could "consolidate" our forces,  
make two or three others "mad" enough to  
get some work out of them - you are  
not one of those: you don't have to be made  
"mad". But I rather wanted you to under-  
stand the proposition when it comes up to  
the Board. Please, don't indicate, however,  
that you have seen these letters.

Mrs. South has written me about the Nat-  
ional situation - I don't think she can  
do anything but call an Emergency Convocation  
+ let them vote over again of the State  
amendment question - In view of the position  
of the Nat. I don't think it will do to submit  
it - For I do believe in working on a National  
policy, + that policy is now fixed and un-  
equivocal - The Louisville women disapprove  
so much that they won't work and Mrs. South  
can't make a State campaign all by herself -  
Cordially yours - M. W. D. Breckinridge -



189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 31st, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I want to thank you for the several communications you have sent me recently, especially your correspondence with Mrs. Judah. Your answer was as fine a specimen of courtesy joined with a firm insistence on what was due to yourself as I have ever seen. It was an example worthy of emulation, and I am glad to have had the opportunity of seeing it.

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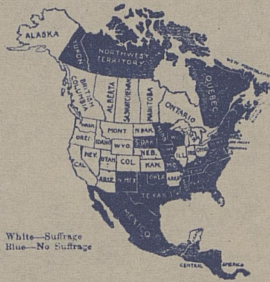
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*In reply to a second letter from Mrs. Judah -*

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201 Charlotte St.,  
Ashville, N. C.  
Dec. 24, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Judah:

I don't wonder you are a little tired of going it alone. I have had those moods a few times myself. You certainly have been an excellent Treasurer. I'm sure that I personally feel grateful to you, as I know that every member of past and present Boards does. You can't, of course, be a finance committee all by yourself. But, I believe it's time <sup>AB-10</sup> ~~enough~~ for the President and the rest of us helping to give a pull all together, ~~try~~ <sup>try</sup> to get one on its feet: this time I think we might succeed. I shall offer my services to help, as I can, to do it, as soon as I can get around to write <sup>the President</sup> her. But, I'm still trying to wind up certain Lexington jobs by mail, - haven't even gotten time to work in the rest cure properly yet.

I hope you will get your big sums to hold up as prizes, which will undoubtedly make it easier. But, in the meantime, I'm pretty sure that we can do something with the smaller ones.

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I didn't realize I was suggesting impossible things in my letter. I don't believe, for instance, that the suggestion about getting something from the other newspapers is impossible, though it will take a little patience and persistence, perhaps several of us trying it. If it is, if we can get nothing from the other papers, then I certainly shall not urge Desha to contribute for the Herald another year. As you say, \$100.00 is a small sum, and unless it has some value in bringing in other money, there is no use at all in the Herald putting it in,- especially when I know a dozen good ways to put in every hundred or every one that Desha or I can spare.

Just before I left we had a meeting of our Civic League Committee to see if we could give a little lunch to Kindergarten and 1st Grade children at Lincoln School. We had done some comparative weighing in the fall months: the proof that they needed it was there all right. But, when we figured up our other responsibilities we found we couldn't do it, and, we also found how much less our out-door children there had gained in November than in October; due apparently to the fact that they needed more food in cold weather and that we had cut down our milk supply from lack of funds. The Associated Charities has a similar showing. So, I am writing small checks and trying to get larger ones for these needs. It is, of course, difficult to do when we are all wanting to do all we can for the war sufferers. This just as an example of why we think a little more about how much execution we can squeeze out of each hundred.

Won't you mail me one of your last year's Treasurer's reports?

Hoping that you are having good weather again in Kentucky that doesn't make for bronchitis and with best Xmas wishes,

Yours,

(Signed) M. McD. Breckinridge



2 Jan 4, 1918

Louisville, Dec. 4, 1917.

My Dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

Enclosed you will find receipt for check of \$100.00. I'll be glad when Mrs. Kelly's money comes in finishing the 1917 account and letting me start the 1918.

I am sorry to say I can't endorse your proposition for 1918, not to give your \$100.00 unless nine others excluding the Clay family, do the same. If it is fair for you to give your \$100.00 that way, then it is equally fair for the others to do the same. In that case I would have no right to collect a single \$100.00 until had the pledge of all ten, and if I did collect eight, and the ninth was not forth-coming and you did not pay the tenth, the other eight would have the full right to ask the return of theirs, giving as a reason that Mrs. Breckinridge's money was no more nor no better than theirs.

If your proposition is fair, it is equally fair for Mrs. McDowell, or any of the others giving \$25.00, to say they will give provided forty others (bringing \$1000 just as yours does) do the same, or if I, who give but \$5.00, gave upon condition, two hundred others did the same.

I don't think you have the right angle of the Carnegie plan. Your \$100.00 isn't worth working very hard for. If your proposition was, that you'd give \$100.00 without restriction, offering to raise it to \$1000.00 if ten others give \$100.00, making

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Mrs. B. # 2.

the other \$1000.00, then as a Treasurer, I would have a proposition to handle and so would the finance Committee.

And now, a word about that Committee-- It's easy for you to say "form a good finance Committee from different parts of the state and make 'em begin to work."

I know you haven't forgotten how impossible it was for you to form one and those were not war times and people hadn't the excuse to offer that they are offering now.

My opinion of a finance committee is that it should be composed first of you, Miss Clay, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Averill and the others who were so certain the money would be forth-coming, then of other women you felt sure would really work.

You know I will do my share but most money comes from personal influence and not because a Treasurer writes a note.

The fact that you could get but \$2.00 from wealthy women is an indication of the difficulty confronting others.

I think that League pledges should be taken from League trasuries, and that contributions from individuals should be credited to the individuals and not to Leagues.

I am sorry to write you a letter that sounds almost rude, though surely you will not think I mean it to be so.

You always said I had some business sense and what I have written is simply my business judgment, after careful consideration of your proposition.

Sincerely,

R. R. Judah.

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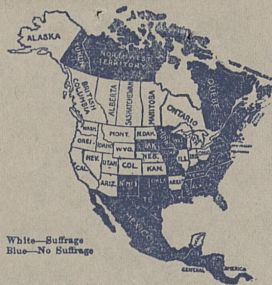
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R.R.#4, Richmond, Ky.  
Oct. 9th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Thank you for your telegram, of which I got the written form this morning, though I heard it over the 'phone yesterday afternoon.

I shall not be in Lexington again soon. I passed through staying Sunday night, on my way back from Louisville.

It is true that the principles of our Asso. contend for suffrage on both state and National lines; but in order to keep from partisanship I think the Board properly ought to have acted before the primaries, so as to have given each of the parties.

if it wished to do so, a chance to nominate a candidate with the desired suffrage views. But by waiting till there is no possible alternative, in case Gov. Stanley's answer is not satisfactory, except to choose the Republican candidate, makes its action partisan; therefore antagonistic to the policy of the Asso., and also unfriendly to Pres. Wilson. For though he wants the Federal Amendment, he still more desires his administration to be supported by a Democratic Congress.

Again: The twofold policy of the Asso. requires care for the interests of both methods to be safe-guarded. While one may be held in abeyance for cause, neither should be sacrificed for the other. On this principle I freely consented last winter to give ample time for the action of the Senate before asking the Legislature for a State amendment. It was only on reaching the limit of time possible for the Legislature to act that I felt the

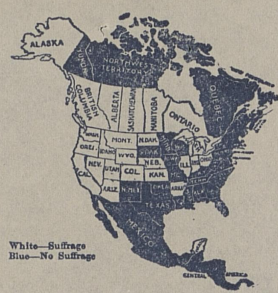
Board had failed in its duty to the instructions of the state convention. Now the Federal Amendment has been defeated in the Senate. The fact that there is a motion for reconsideration <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>light</sup> ~~is~~ a claim to give it the right of way over other methods. It ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> were not true, it might claim right of way interminably on some slight plea or other. I consider that in zeal for measures in its behalf, the Board took action which might easily irritate ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> of the parties in the State upon whose good will a state amendment must depend; and runs the danger of alienating our strongest friend in Pres. Wilson. This seems to me also as antagonistic ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> to our established policy of caring for woman suffrage as a whole.

I want to take this opportunity to express my satisfaction that you have consented to be a candidate for the presidency at the coming state convention. I did not say this in Louisville because in a conversation last spring with Mrs. Hutchison I had told her that she was my choice as a candidate. She did not then express any desire for the office; but as I had promised my sup-

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I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mrs. Southh, in answer to a telegram, which you may care to read.  
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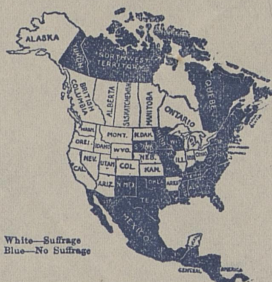
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189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 7th, 1919.

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May 5, 1919

Lexington, Ky.,

Dear Madam President:-

At the State Convention in Louisville in March it was agreed that in addition to trying at the 1920 session of the Kentucky Legislature for ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment in case it has passed Congress--and we hope it may be passed at the special session--the K. E. R. A. should try for Presidential suffrage.

With regard to presenting a bill to submit a State Amendment to the people of Kentucky granting woman suffrage, the following motion was carried:-

"That the question of asking the Kentucky Legislature to submit a state suffrage amendment to the voters of Kentucky be referred to the incoming Board of the K. E. R. A. to be taken up after the St. Louis meeting, and the recommendation of the Kentucky Board then sent to each local suffrage association for action."

The matter was taken up with the New National Board after the St. Louis National Convention with the result that the National Board passed a most liberal and gratifying motion to the effect that the National Board trusted the judgement of the Kentucky Board and would stand by Kentucky in whatever she decided to do: Kentucky, of course, doing her best to obtain ratification of the Federal Amendment, if passed." At a meeting of the Board of the K. E. R. A. held in Louisville immediately after the National Convention, the matter was fully discussed and three motions were subsequently submitted, in writing, to the Board members for their vote. The following motion submitted by Mrs. Leech was passed:-

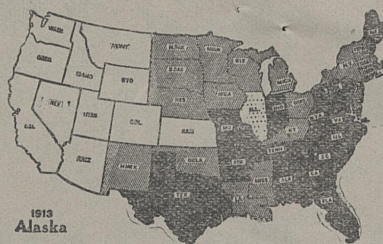
"Officially, I move that in recognition of Mrs. Catt's recent request to the Kentucky members in St. Louis, to hold off a campaign for a state suffrage amendment, (if one was decided on) until it could not jeopardize the federal amendment, that we lay on the table motions involving discussion of such state amendments until the special session of the United States Congress submit to the state legislature a federal amendment or adjourn."

The matter is now referred to the local leagues for action. Will you kindly take a vote of your league at the very earliest possible moment and let me have your instruction?

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Lexington, Ky.,

The Republican State Convention will be held in Lexington, May 14, and the K. E. R. A will try to get a suffrage plank in its platform. The form of this plank will, of course, be influenced by your decision, though it is the present intention of the Board to ask for a plank broad enough and strong enough to commit the party's representatives to any form of woman suffrage asked for by the K. E. R. A.

It may be well to state briefly the differing positions of members of the Board as regards the state amendment. Some members of the Board feel that we should, under no circumstances, submit a state amendment, fearing that it would be defeated at the polls. Others, who feel that it may be wise to submit a state amendment before the next legislature of January, 1919 adjourns, believe that we should not state our purpose to do so, while it may in any way injure the chances of a federal amendment. Others feel that unless the federal amendment is through and ratified before the adjournment of our state legislature, we should absolutely submit a state amendment and not again lose our chance to do so for two years.

Your league should vote as I understand the question (a) in favor of such action as is recommended by the Board in Mrs. Leesh's motion: or (b) in favor of deciding at once that a bill for a state amendment shall be presented in the 1920 legislature: or (c) in favor of deciding at once that a bill for a state amendment should not be submitted in the 1920 legislature.

In submitting the first letter to the league presidents after my election as your president, I should like to state the pleasure it gives me to be again actively allied with the suffrage work and to say how much pride I feel that the cause has really profited by my absence while you have been under the excellent guidance of my predecessor, Mrs. John C. South.

Cordially yours,

*M. M. D. Breckinridge*

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Per

*P. M. Myers*

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her from the Board. Personally, I just couldn't contemplate going on the Board again unless she is retained. I think she is by all odds the best, the most persistent and conscientious worker developed for suffrage during my knowledge of the movement in Kentucky. And I think she has unusual political advantages and unusual political ability.

She thinks it would not do for her to hold the position of campaign chairman if she holds the Republican position. I rather agree with her. But I think she could perfectly well be a vice president or hold any other position on the Board. As we will have of course both Republican and Democratic women, and the nearer we get to the goal the more they will all be actively engaged in politics and public work, to my mind the latter facts are no objection but an advantage to members of the Board. Please let me know how you feel. *Then I would say elect no one campaign*

*chairman and let her manage, in co-operation with the Pres., the work at Frankfurt whatever position she holds.*

I advised Mrs. South yesterday over the 'phone to send out the call for the convention within given dates. It seems the call has to go a month before. She is very anxious to get the convention off her hands, and was willing to set a date without a speaker. But there is a possibility of our getting both Babushka and Jouett Shouse, and I urged her to wait until I get to Washington next week to the Women's Peace Conference. If I can get either of these speakers, or someone else that I think would be advantageous, I will telegraph her back, so that she may fix dates immediately. I hope what I advised her to do is constitutional. I imagine that if the first of the proposed dates is within a month of the time the call is sent out it will comply with the technicalities.

I wish I were going to see you in Washington.

Cordially yours,

Wendell D. Beckwith

my address at Washington - I expect to go Tuesday - will be New Wardman Park Inn. I will probably be coming home Friday or Saturday.

I think Mrs. South wants very much to take the Repub. position on her cousin's (her, Morrow) account. She told me some time ago that she did not want to go back on the suffrage (over)



board, as there had been continual friction, and that  
she believed there still would be if she went back.  
I would not hear to this and I told her I thought  
I could answer for it that we would all live peaceably  
to-gether and agree, or even disagree peaceably -  
I think we can get Virginia and Mrs. Hutchinson  
not to spar over by-gones, even if Virginia goes  
back. She says she does not want to

Dear Miss Laura -  
may I send you this carbon copy <sup>of letter to Board</sup> I didn't  
have enough originals made -  
W. W. D. B.

May 17, 1919.

Mrs. Samuel T. Castleman,  
1164 4th. St;  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Board Member:

I found Monday night that Mrs. South was in a very uncomfortable condition, because of the fact that she was obliged to act in a dual capacity as a member of our Board and Committee and also as chairman of the Woman's Committee and adviser of the Republicans. Her solution of the difficulty was to resign from the Equal Rights Board. This solution I felt sure would be as distressing to the rest of you as to me. I therefore proposed that in this particular job, she should simply be excused from service as a member of the Equal Rights Committee.

*permission*  
I therefore, acting <sup>ed</sup> on the preference of the majority of the members as to the plank to be requested, ignoring preferableness granted in several cases that Mrs. South and I use our judgment.

I had asked a number of representative republican women of Lexington, to go with me to the State Resolution Committee, and I made the request for the Equal Rights Association, for the following plank:

The Republican Party of Kentucky re-affirms its belief in the justice and expediency of suffrage for women, and calls upon its representatives in Congress to vote for the submission of a Federal amendment granting woman suffrage, and pledges its candidates for the Legislature of Kentucky and for all executive positions to use their votes and their influence for the speedy ratification by the Legislature of such Federal amendment when submitted, and also for the passage of a bill granting presidential suffrage to women.

Miss Clay was present also with a group of women, to ask a State amendment plank.

~~We~~ I rather expected the outcome to be the combination of one asked for by me and the one asked for by her, as did Christine.

The Republican Party is ready to grant anything it can in the way of woman's suffrage, and seemed ~~of course~~ <sup>only</sup> anxious to satisfy all comers. The upshot however was the blanket plank originally asked for as follows:

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*without objection*

Cordially yours,

*M. M. D. B.*

*In postscript I asked authorization for miscellaneous Schumaker, which however I'm doubtful about being able to engineer, & to buy mimeograph (about \$50.) for Miss Hume, pres. chairman. I've heard from only 6 leagues, 3 each way =*

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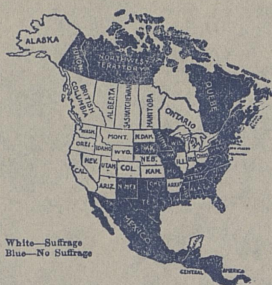
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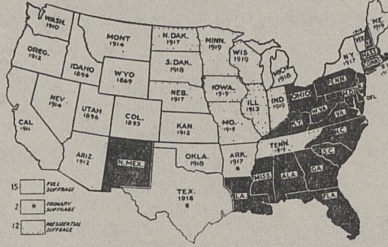
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March 16, 1920.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

Please be good and kind and go over this at once, supplying such information as I have omitted as to the conventions, for instance, of which I have no record. Correct where it should be corrected and mail back to me at once, please. I have promised to have it on Mrs. Haper's desk not later than next Monday morning.

Some legislative action which has not yet taken place I have put in tentatively and will correct, if necessary, after Wednesday night.

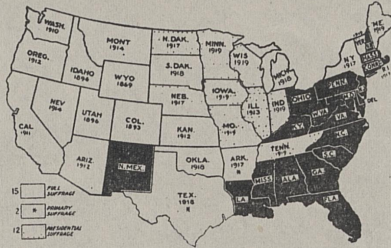
Sincerely,

*M. M. D. Breckinridge*

*I ought to have a paragraph on Occupations & I have applied to office of State Supt. of for figures as to teachers - Make any suggestions for you like - Mrs. Harper has sent me Pres. 's report for 1901, which I can have copied & sent you for your files.*

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March 1 - 1920 -

Dear Miss Laura -

In searching for reports of the K. E. R. A. to prepare the chapter of history for Mrs. Harper from 1900 - on, I find I have no annual reports for the years: -

1900

1902 - (However, the 1901 Report is labelled 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation, + the 1903 report is labelled 14<sup>th</sup> Conv. Can you explain that?)

1907 - (The 18<sup>th</sup> Conv.)

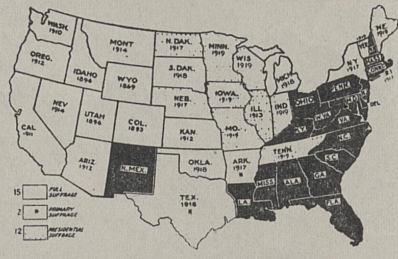
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not duplicates, but would lend me your copies for a day or two, I should be grateful.

I have been reading your Ky. chapter and am wonderfully impressed with the work that you and Mrs. Henry and others did.

I have a quantity of Peace Party literature here belonging to you. Shall I send it around to you, or destroy it. I am very crowded and am trying to clean up and make room -

Affectionately yours,  
 Madeline W.D. Breckinridge -

**Bradford Historical Society**

Lexington, Kentucky

November 29, 1922.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

The Bradford Historical Society has undertaken to raise, through public subscription, a fund to place in the Lexington Public Library a bronze tablet bearing the image and recalling the accomplishments of John Bradford, for whom the Society was named and who was the editor of the first newspaper to be published in Kentucky.

The Society enlists your aid, personally, in this enterprise. The Kentucky Gazette, the second newspaper to be published west of the Alleghanies, has been described as a "voice crying in the wilderness" for free speech. John Bradford, as an historian, as a champion of freedom of utterance guaranteed by constitutional provision and as a pioneer in journalism, contributed much to his own age. The fruits of his labors are, however, more abundantly enjoyed in the present than they were in the past and the benefits of his work will be reaped for centuries to come.

The lack of a suitable memorial to Kentucky's first editor has long been appreciated. This Society believes that members of the newspaper profession throughout the United States, lovers of free speech, teachers and students of history and all Kentuckians who cherish the memories of the trail-blazers who made the commonwealth of today a possibility, will approve its efforts to supply this lack.

A return envelope for whatever contribution you care to make is enclosed. The Society also requests your assistance in spreading the appeal for contributions to the fund and in emphasizing the importance of placing a tablet commemorating the achievements of Mr. Bradford in the Library he aided in founding and to which he donated the precious files of his paper.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Kerr  
Desha Breckinridge  
H. Giovannoli  
Florence Dillard  
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