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Miss Laura Clay.

At the Mid-
year meeting of the Women's
Congress in Boston a few days
since, for deciding upon topics
& Papers for the next Congress
what is to meet this year
October 11 at Portland, Maine
It was the unanimous wish
of the Committee that you
should prepare a paper
on "The Rights of Women
to free Competition as Workers."

Will you be able to do it?
It will be very desirable
for you to be present at the
Congress but this is not a
necessity & the wish was
unanimous that you should
prepare this paper. Mrs
Stone seemed especially ^{to} be
wishing I hope you will
find no hindrance in the
way of doing this.

Please let me hear
from you very soon. as the
papers of ^{the} Programme for the
Congress must be issued
^{very} soon

Yours very truly
Mrs L. B. Stone
Ch. of Com on Papers &
& Papers.

Nov. 13. 1883

Miss Anna Clay

Dear Madam

I am now home at home after
an absence of a month, and
I most gladly acknowledge the
receipt of cheque for eight dollars
which with the ticket for this
year, clears up all deficiencies -

I have been perplexed at not
reaching you by letter or ^{post} ^{communication},
having tried Richmond
& Lexington by turns.

That you were cordially
desired, as F. P. for Ky - will
be shown by the incident which
was brought out by a motion
to refer to me - all names
before they were voted upon. I
said 'no' to Miss Anna Clay.

when a friend of mine, and
a worker in the Woman Suffrage
movement. Said "let me pay for her"
for I sympathize with those
brave women" & you were elected

I at once re-embused her
from my own purse - for I had
been told of your change of resi-
dence - & was sure I should
at last reach you.

The hope to be able to
call on Congress in Louisville
next year - One or two new
members are enthusiastic
about it.

I often recall my
delightful trip to Mrs Mary B
Leays home. two years ago.

I attempted the year after
to send the children some
cards of remembrance - but
did not learn whether they
rec'd them. Please remember
me most kindly to your

[Nov. 13, 1883]

Mother and Sister and
believe me

Yours truly

Henrietta L. T. Melcott
No 5 Park St. Boston

I trust you rec'd the papers
issued by me - at Chicago.

By note, all members were
sent - three copies of "Inter
Ocean" -

I have one left
if you did not, and would
like to have it -

of your piece any thing with writing about to Education
at Ann Arbor. a
about the University
we shall be glad
to receive it.
I am very truly
Dear Mrs. Clay

Secretary
Stone

OFFICE OF

The Woman's Journal,

No. 5 PARK STREET.

Boston,

Feb.
Jan 10

1884

Dear Mrs. Clay

Thanks for your letter
which came several days ago. when
we were very busy. We make an
Extract of it for the Journal. I am
sorry about the mistake, in regard to
the Legislative Hall. I must have
misconstrued your sisters letter.
she said "The legislature here voted
an adjournment in their favor on those
two evenings giving them the hall." i.e.
you and Mrs. Haggart - and I inferred
= red that they adjourned a session etc.

But your letter will make it right.
I am sorry your hearing came at the
time it did. though it gave you all
a chance to see political things.
Mrs. Haggart is an able woman, and is

just the right person to address legis-
-lative bodies— if anything comes of it
i. e. if the Kentucky legislature does
anything, pray let me know it, for the
general. I wish your sister Laura
could be induced to take Kentucky
in hand, hold meetings, organize
societies, and push it to activity.

It is time we began to think of the best
place in which to hold the next an-
-nual meeting of the American
Woman Suffrage Association—

Will you not consider the matter
and suggest places? Then I, as the
chairman of the Executive Committee
^{will} consult the others, telling them what
you say, and when the place is decided
we will announce it. His letter
will see us before several days off.
We have had an unusual amount of
work and can't reason of the "remonstrance"
and our own "hearing". and Wendell
Phillips' death. So the letter has been

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *Feb. 20*, 188*4*

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond

Miss,

With all due and proper respect
I must say, in candor, responding
to your letter, that I am opposed
to the measure, to which you invite
my attention. I am with respect
J. C. Blackburn

Oregon City, Oregon. 3/18

1884

Dear Miss Laura

Please read Miss Annie's
letter for information & etc & forgive
You can & conceive how much
I have thought of you & valued
your kindness. I hope I have
not lost your good opinion
I send by ^{this} mail the Alta published
in San F which contains notice
of our marriage. Dr P. unites with
me in an invitation to you & Annie
to visit us this Summer. Doctor's
Grand-mother died in September. Her
present to me was a handsome ebony
clock valued at \$75⁰⁰/₁₁. It is the
latest style & although small it is too
heavy for me to lift. Dr received a

watch from his Grand-ma & together
we received a great many presents, several
of which came from his friends in
Europe. He is always the same, always
kind & gentle. I know he will
take pleasure in taking you &
Miss Annie out & giving you
a taste of Oregon life.

Dear Miss Laura if you could
realize how sincerely I love
you you would forgive me
& come to make me a visit

Your sincere friend

S. Parker

Address Mrs. Scollay Parker
Oregon City
Oregon

Remember me kindly to Mrs
Mary B & the boys & to Mrs
Bennett's

Oregon City Oregon
March 16 1884

Miss Clay,

Mrs Parker and I
were very much pleased and
gratified at receiving a letter from
Miss Annie inquiring about her
health and welfare showing that
you interest in her continues. I am
glad to be able to thank you
for your many kindnesses to and
sympathy for her while she was
staying with Mrs Clay. I am also
very happy in being able to join her
in inviting you to make us a visit
in Oregon City this coming Summer and
shall do all in my power to make
your presence with us as enjoyable
as possible.

It may be of interest to you to know
and a further inducement to come to
Dorset this year - the fact that we
are to vote in June upon the question
of giving "Equal elective rights to woman"

Unfortunately the women have no
direct voice in the question, but there
will be quite a large number of just
men who will do all they can and
vote all they can to bring this
desirable result about.

Again hoping that we shall
be honored and pleased with your
appearance among us on a visit
and with the best wishes of Mrs Parker
and myself for your health and
happiness

I remain

Yours Truly
Dr. S. Parker.

American Woman Suffrage Association,

3 PARK STREET,

Boston, Nov 21 1885.

Miss Laura Clay

Dear Friend

May I ask your special attention to the article in this week's Woman's Journal entitled Woman Suffrage in the South & the position of Mrs Tyler's Arkansas Report in the same number to which it refers

Please give me your own judgment as to the wisdom, or otherwise, of going before the Southern Legislatures (Kentucky for instance) this winter, with a Memorial of the American W. S. A. backed by a petition of women of the State asking for a statute giving women who can read the State Constitutions & write their own names

1. Municipal suffrage; ^{by statute}
2. Presidential suffrage by statute;
3. An Amendment of

State Constitution.

My idea would be to secure say
4 speakers 2 ladies & 2 gentlemen
say Mrs Howe or Mrs Stone, Mrs Wain
Doulke, ^{with yourself and other Kentucky Speakers,} & myself to go before the
Legis Com & present the case for the
petitioners.

Would you circulate petitions
& secure the hearing & be one
of the speakers if the plan
strikes you favorably?

Let me hear soon,

To thy
friend,

Henry B Blackwell

No 1355 Cremona St.

Washington, D. C.

Nov 20, 1898

My dear Samra

From the
above address you will see
I have changed my No.,
here. A friend, whose
husband has been "ordered
to sea," has urged me
to come and stay with
her for a time, to help
fill the void that Dr.
Hochberg's departure has
made in the family
circle. So here I am
comfortable and
beautifully fixed for
the winter, and although

you think of being in Sea
this winter. I must forego
the pleasure of your company
for the artistic advantages
that I have here. As liking
do not depend on locality
and force of circumstances
keep us apart, I still
think we will be the same
friends, as we were "when
our stars" brought us together,
and I shall expect you
to write often to me when
you are in Seungton.
Remember me to all my
friends there, that I know
is a very pleasant commission
for you to perform for
me. A day or so ago

I met Betra Lockwood, she
has called on my friends
husband & give them her
law cases, which were to
come up in court during
her absence from Washington.
She will lecture this winter
and Mr. Hornor said she
would make more this
way than most lawyers
would in the same length
of time. She is a very
clear woman, full of energy
and sincerity, and has,
I am sure an excellent
heart. I sat and listened
to her enumeration with
Mr. D., and was very
much entertained. I felt

very sorry when she had
finished her business
with him. Washington
still looks beautiful, so
many roses are still out,
that one would suppose
it was the month of June
instead of Nov. and
the poet had made a
mistake when he wrote,
"No fruits, no flowers, no
leaves, no birds, November".
Socially it is very quiet
here, but Cabinet receptions
and Senators evenings and
Congress itself are as if
they never were, so little
do they exist even in my
thoughts, so many more
attractions I find here than

Nov. 20, 1885

these, I attend Ascension
Church here, and feel
now "quite at home" in it.
I have a Sunday School
Class which is very interesting
me, nearly all grown girls,
so I find that Saturday
nights, I cannot go any
place, as I leave the
Lesson to look over for
fear of being asked a
question, that I could
not very well answer.

A friend, living in
Wilmington Delaware, and
who has lately returned
from Europe, bringing some
beautiful things home with
her, so very deserves
that I should pay her a

visit and take Thanksgiving
Dinner. It is only three
hours ride on the steam
car from Washington, and
I should only stay a few
days, I have not yet said
positively that I would
come. We shall see.

I enjoy so much the
bicycles, at least seeing
them, and I have a great
wish to "try a triycle."

Every day I see thousands
of bicyclers, silently and
swiftly spinning along
the streets, looking so
independent and comfortable
in their tractable steed,
that I never see me that

I do not wish myself in
his place.

- tell me what you decide
about your church - or more
of buildings elsewhere?

I have written you a
long letter, considering
that all morning, I have
been drawing from ^{the} Antiquary.
This afternoon visited the
White House, (did not
call on the President) was
invited to see the Emancipation
then afterwards we went to
the Smithsonian Institute
to see the Gems - very
kind known as in the
Collection, polished and in
the rough state, that

it was very interesting. I
wish you were here to see
all that is to be seen
here with me. My kindest
regards to your mother
and Anne. Write
soon for your
Affected friend
Sama S. Bruce.

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New York, Jan. 16 1886

Dear Miss Clay -

At Mrs. Bryan's suggestion I write to let you know that I have today made application to Gov. Knott for the position of assistant physician at the Asylum at Lexington -

Hoping my case will find favor in your hands and trusting I may be able to thank you in person some day

I am

Yours sincerely

Emma W. Mooers -

270.00 corn land
370.00 wheat
400.00 hogs
350.00 corn
175.00 wool
300.00 lambs
350.00 corn

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400.
330.

Ann Arbor Jan. 18th 1886-

My dear Miss. Laura-

I want to do - and
to do - an such contradictory
things in Ann Arbor that I
trust you will believe me when
I say that I have wished
to write to you ever a many
times since I came back - and
that I am sorry I delayed
until after you had entered the
Academy -

I learn by inquiry that you could
enter him on advanced standing
if you were to read in an office
this year and so could complete
your work in one instead of two
years. The catalogue you saw
was however an old one - The
term now is for nine months, from
October till June - Whether you
should attempt to pass off the
German work, or not, I am ad-
-vised to say to you read Black-
-Stone now, the greater familiarity
you have with him, the easier will
be your work whenever and however
you undertake it.

I am promising, you see, that you are to study law,
and I know you would not hesitate if you had
heard a lady plead as I did the other afternoon at
one of the "Club-Courts". There is no provision in the
Common law which allows a woman to bring suit for
the abridgment of her husband's affections. She has in-
deed no right to them under that law - He has a
right to her because she is his property, however -
Now Mrs. Wilson argued that the old Ecclesiastical
-trial Courts took jurisdiction in all such cases and
that therefore English law did provide for all such

Cases of wrong done to woman - and that the Ecclesiastical Courts being abolished we were behind and below the old Conditions rather than in advance! In listening to her I was more than ever convinced of the need for women at the bar - because their most vital interests in the questions at stake will give them an insight into possibilities of interpretation (and in that his success in law) which will be of incalculable benefit to all women -

I have mailed you the article of which I spoke to you, written by one of the lady graduates of this law school - and will ask Mrs. Clark to send

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you the subjugated ones -

Then will not enforce these things and women must - but no woman can do so without a legal training. Already the author of this article has had letters endeavoring to prove that such was not the law, in this state or that, and only her knowledge of principles has enabled her to establish her position. But I am sure I need not argue the point with you - when God has given a woman a talent, I am persuaded you know she ought to use it; and as regards the talent - we are all sure you have it.

We found Mrs. Clay wonderfully improved when
we returned, I never saw a more marked change in
any one - it is to be attributed chiefly I presume
to the electricity.

Emma got out again to lecture - yesterday
morning and her good has stood the test nicely -
She was a very good patient and I am quite proud
of her and of the speedy recovery -

My warmest remembrances to your Mother
and to Miss Ann - and my best wishes -

Wishing you are here now - Sincerely yours
R. S. D.



Miss. Anna Clay -

Broadway

Leamington

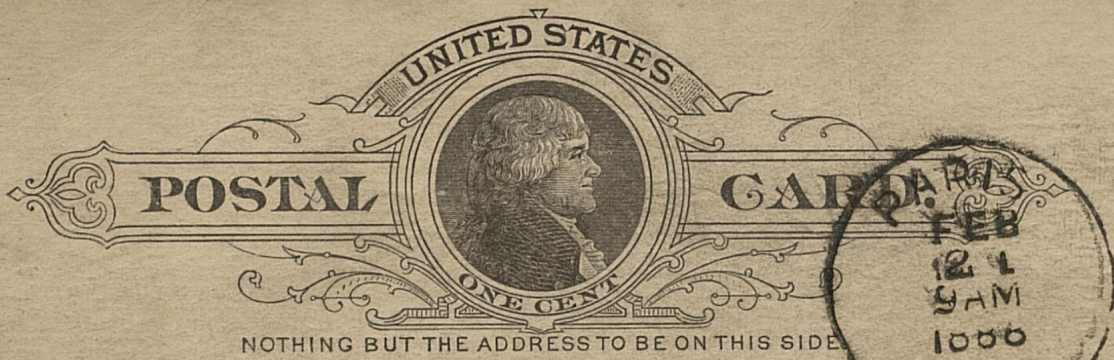
N.Y. -

Paris, Ky., Feb. 21 -
[1886]

Mrs. Chisnault:

If seems to be the general opinion that it is too soon after Mrs. Woodbridg's lecture to have another just now. There is so little interest manifested on the part of our people in this subject that it would not pay to engage Mrs. Wallace to speak for us. The W. C. T. U. will have a meeting Thursday and if the ladies then think otherwise I shall advise

L. J. Myall
Very truly
yours



Mrs. Chervault
Cor. Sec. Woman's Inf. Assn.,
Lexington,
Ky.
39 E. High St.

American Woman Suffrage Association,

5 PARK STREET,

Boston, Apr 30 1886

My dear Mrs. Cloy

I am sorry to see by your letter that you are still not well. I hope going to the farm in the summer will do you good.

All the auxiliary societies here accepted Manuscripts for the next meeting of the American.

I note all you say about reducing the price of the Woman's Journal. No body would be so glad to make it lower ~~as~~ as the Editors.

But you see what has been the fate of every one of the low priced papers.

They want under - We all advocate an idea that the public does not want. and hence the

number of subscribers must

be small. The New North West
and the Woman's journal keep
afloat. But we never make
a cent. A large part of the
editorial work is gratuitous
and if we make the ends
meet, we are thankful—

The Woman's journal with its
8 pages every week is much
cheaper than any monthly—
Mrs. Colby gives 4 pages a month
for a dollar. We give 8 times
as much for \$2.50.

We have thought, and talked it
over a great deal. and we
do not see that we can make
the price less. Much as we
should be pleased to do so,

Hoping you will have better
health

I am very truly yours

Lizzy Stone

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Fredonia, N. Y.

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Dedham, Mass.

289 Erie St. Chicago
June 4th 1886.

Dear Madam.

The Congress, which meets in Louisville next October, desires to have a Symposium upon Woman's Suffrage, setting forth the advantages & disadvantages of the Suffrage for women. Through four short papers of ten minutes each given by as many women, differing in their notions upon this great question. Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney & Prof Maria Mitchell are to write two of these. Will you supply a third? and which side of the

question would you take? Will you
treat the matter from a domestic
stand point - or historically, abstractly
or practically? I do not know
whether you are opposed to the
Suffrage for women or for it, but
I may mention that I have not
yet been able to find a woman
who will speak against it, though
I have made many efforts & desire
to see both sides fairly represented.
I think I had the pleasure of
meeting you at Boston, when the
Congress met there, nearly six years
ago. May I beg the favor of
an early reply -

Very respectfully -

Caroline M. Brewer.

Chairman Com. on Topics & Papers -

Miss Laura Olney -

Dedham July 9. 1886

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Madam.

I am doing my very best
to arouse an interest in
our Assn. for Adv. of Women
in Louisville, when we call
our Annual Congress in Oct.

Several of my friends and
old members of A.A.W. are
in Europe. Mrs. Goddard your
predecessor has a new baby;
after twelve years of rearing
her only child. I am hoping
Mr. Benj. F. Avery will be in-
duced to organize a local
Com. I have sent her a list
of names - Can you do any
thing in the way of ~~raising~~ help.

on the work.

[July 9, 1886.]

We need a Hall engaged
& entertainment for about 20 or
30 ladies for from a five
days. This is our first visit
to a really Southern City &
some of our board are very
anxious - I am not one of
them. It is early to be moving
as so many go out of the city
but a little plan could be
adopted that would take
but ~~but~~ a small amount
of time to perfect.

Our Secy. Ella C. Lapham
of Lockport is always in
season with the Circular - but
I advise her to issue it, as
usual, leaving the detail con-
cerning place of meeting & the
name of Secy. of local Com. to
be sent to members later in
the summer. I trust you

[July 9, 1884]

will be able to be at the Cong.
ress - the dismal one here
is the only one at which you
have been. I think

I've had such a grand
time at Des Moines - all
Iowa was roused, and
clubs & Exchanges have been or-
ganised in several cities of that
immense State.

My only anxiety is to have
your help secure a Ch. of
local Com - that our active
members who practices Med
ecine in Ia. may not be
too prominent.

I have written to two young
M.D.'s Julia Ingraham & Dr
Lawrence - partners - to enlist
them - If I can aid you in
any way, Com mand me - I am
on the local Com - always with
Scey.
Your truly
W. L. J. Wolcott

From Dr. James B. Angell in
"The President's Report to the
Board of Regents of the Univer-
sity of Michigan for the year
Ending Sept. 30, 1887.

"Twenty-five percent of the
students in the literary
department of Michigan
University during the year
just-ended are (1886-7)
are women; of the whole
number in all depart-
ments, sixteen and
three-eighths percent are
women.

For a few years after
women were admitted,
it used to be said, and
with some truth, that
our students of that sex
were women of exception-
al ability and force
of character, since others
did not venture to come.
Their success in study,

which could not be questioned, was ascribed to this fact. It was urged by those who doubted the expediency of receiving women, that when young women should come in larger numbers, including those of average ability as well as those of exceptional talent, embarrassments would occur and the impolicy of admitting them would become manifest. It is apparent that we are now put to the test thus predicted. But the unfortunate results prophesied have not appeared. We have indeed some women, as we have some men, not eminent in

S. C. GAMES

scholarship. But no em-
barrassments of adminis-
tration due to that fact
have presented themselves.
Nor can any inferences
against receiving women
into our class-rooms be
properly made from the
fact. The women who
partially or wholly fail
in their work meet with
the same fate as the men
who have the same diffi-
culties. They neither ask
nor expect any discrim-
inations in their favor
because they are women.
But the results of our
experience has been
confirmed at colleges

and universities on both sides of the Atlantic - and strikingly so in the great English universities recently - where women by their brilliant success have shown their ability, without risk to their health, to meet the severest tests of scholarship to which the male students are subjected. And what is of perhaps equal importance, the advantages derived from the university courses have proved as helpful to the women in their lives subsequent to graduation as to the men."

~~S.~~

Fewkesburg.
Mass

Oct. 13/86

My dear Miss Clay.

I am very sorry, after
accepting your invitation
to address the W. C. T. U.
of Springfield, to be obliged
to change my decision,
without waiting to receive
a telegram from you.

For a day or two of
studies to my going from
home for a week or two
night - just now - seemed
to be disappearing, but
they have arisen again.
I am much chagrined
that I have put you to
trouble & perhaps some
delay in securing another
Speaker - but you will
perhaps thereby obtain
one to whom the problem
more easily resolves

itself than it does to me. or
at least one to whom a prohibitory
law seems more of a nuisance.

But aside from that there is so
much to be done in behalf of the
great work of temperance in its many
lines of approach, that I should
have had much pleasure in meeting the earnest

women who are trying to spread the good cause.
I have just been reading the minutes of the
12th Annual Meeting of W. C. T. U. at Philadelphia.
A wonderful meeting which I regret passing
missed & am indebted to Miss Miller for the
favor of the record.

I regret greatly that I cannot be
at the Congress. I am especially sorry not to
have the opportunity of meeting your mother
& sisters & yourself again. I recall my visits
to the homes in Lexington & near Richmond always with
pleasure. Please present my regards to all. Very truly yours
Mary K. Eastman

Nov 1886

Lewkesburg Mass

Dear Miss Clay.

Every thing has seemed
to militate against
my going to the Congress.
Some of the obstacles
have disappeared within
a few days however.
I should be happy to
speak for the W. C. T. U.
& decide that I will
go to Richmond for expenses

from Boston & return.
I do not know how
much that is &
Church, at this moment.
Learn...

I should wish to go
on to the Kansas Suffrage
meeting - if I go to
Louisville & hope many
of you are going there
Could the W. C. T. U.
meeting be got in be-
tween close of A. C. W.
meetings & Patch time

of departure for Kansas - or could
I return it be held - a week or so
later that I might return to it.
Will you please say to the Ladies
that the emphasis of our faith for
the temperance work is in other measures
than prohibition - while I do believe in
Law - clearly defined, & inflexibly supported.
I think there is an immense work to

do - & that the hardest problem
which presents itself to the American
people - as it is one of the most pressing
& important, & demanding the clearest
thinking as well as the most devoted
& untiring labor is that of temperance.
You will see that I think you need
somebody a great deal wiser than myself.
If you wish any word however please telegraph
me - here. I most cordially wish to meet you again
& also from Mother & sister to whom sincere regards
from F. C. [unclear]

OFFICE OF
American Woman Suffrage Association,

3 7 PARK STREET,

Boston, Oct. 15 1887.

Dear Mrs. Clay

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday! I was beginning to despair as I had written again and again and got no answer, and had now just written to your sister Mrs. Bennett - It seemed to me that a great stake like Kentucky with such good supporters as the Clay sisters, should have no one to represent it, and no report for it.

Now if Miss Laura Clay is to be at the Woman's Congress, by all means let her come from N. York to Philadelphia. She will be entertained there, and she can make the report. Read your letter, and

could a word or a speech just as
she pleases. But she shall not be
urged to do either - I hope she
will come - Use your influence to
have her come with you -

Oh yes. I shall go the 20th anniv-
ersary if I am alive. I would
not miss it for anything. We
shall at Philadelphia appoint
representatives to it. I hope it
will be the best possible meeting
and do much good

I am glad you are getting
well - Want you sometimes write us
an Ann Arbor letter for the
Woman's Journal? your last article
was excellent. I wrote to tell you
so but do not know if you got
it. With kind remembrance to
your sister

Yours cordially
Lucy Stone