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SARAH J. MILLSOP, M. D.

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Bowling Green, Ky. January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889

My dear Miss Clay: Your favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. recd. also the papers on the Suffrage question. These ideas are not new to me, as I have heard most of the noted suffragists - both men and women - on that subject. I know Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney very well.

I think, in time, we may be able to organize a small society here; but, at present, I do not feel like taking aggressive measures on any question. I came here but a little over a year ago, where a woman doctor was almost unheard of until my advent. I was an object of much curiosity at first. There was much discussion as to whether I should succeed in getting practice; the weight of opinion being that I should not succeed. I have gone quietly about my work, until I have succeeded, not only in getting my share of the practice, but I have made many warm friends as well, and have "converted" many who were not



in favor of women doctors. Since I saw you  
at Glasgow I went to Louisville to attend  
the meeting of the Southern Homoeopathic Medical  
Ass'n. I joined the society - the first woman to  
do so. At the close of the meeting I was appointed  
chairman of the Bureau of Gynaecology, for the  
coming year. This is considered quite an  
honor, as honors go in medical societies. I  
am hoping to make a success of my department.  
In addition to the names of several able male  
physicians I have the promise of papers from two or  
three able women. But little has been known  
of woman's work in this society, or in the South  
generally. So you will see I am doing a  
little missionary work for the cause of women,  
in a quiet, but I hope in an effective way.

Our loyal law-makers, doubtless,  
thought they had virtually killed your Bill by  
their amendment; not believing that "a native-  
born Kentuckian" had ever or far forgotten  
herself as to have taken a course in medicine.  
They don't know how many Kentucky women have  
of late <sup>become</sup> ~~been~~ inspired with that idea. The Mrs. Moore



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who induced me to locate in Kentucky is now in Chicago taking a course of medical lectures. She is a woman of 65, and even if she succeeds in graduating might not be a fit person to fill the position named. I have asked her to make inquiry among doctors and students for other <sup>Kentucky</sup> women who have studied, or are now studying medicine. But the better plan would be to send circular letters to the medical journals, giving your reasons for making the inquiry, and asking that any information be sent to you. I could give you the names of most of the medical journals published in the interest of the Homeopathic School, and any old school doctor could give you a similar list of the old school journals. There is one thing that must be considered. You would not be likely to find a doctor of experience who would give up a paying practice to accept a position in an institution of that kind. Usually the salary paid is small. You will need to look to



recent-graduates for applicants to fill such a position.

In regard to the proposed tract, it would be better for you to obtain assistance in its composition from those who have more personal knowledge of the needs of such a measure as you propose - My own idea is that it is a step in the right direction; but you want more convincing arguments than that. My plan would be to get the views of the managers of the large insane institutions in the various States, as to whether it is desirable to employ women physicians, as assistants. This might be done by the H. C. M. or by those interested in the Equal Suffrage -

I have a lady friend who is on the medical staff of the Westborough Insane Hospital in Massachusetts. This is her second year in that capacity; and she is, I think the first woman to fill the position. A. Emmerson Paine M. D. is the chief of the staff; and would, or doubt give you any desired information.



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I visited a large insane asylum in  
Dinghampton New York a few years ago.  
There was then on woman physician on  
the medical staff. A similar institution  
in Middletown N. Y. was at that time  
agitating the subject of employing a  
woman doctor. I think the presence  
of a woman on the medical staff is felt to  
be almost a necessity in inst. institutions  
where both men and women are inmates.

I am really sorry that I cannot be  
of more practical help to you in your  
work; but you have doubtless given this  
subject so much study that you do  
not need any of my feeble suggestions.  
Wishing you all success in your efforts  
I am

Sincerely yours.

S. J. Millsop



OFFICE OF  
American Woman Suffrage Association,  
3 1/2 PARK STREET,

Boston, Jan 6 1888.

Dear Miss Day  
Mr. Dreditch writes  
me "A Kentucky lawyer can  
draw a satisfactory bill. I can-  
-not" I have therefore mailed to  
you a copy of the "legal condi-  
-tions of woman" in Massachusetts.  
I have turned down a leaf,  
and marked a place which may  
be of use to you - all that you  
will find in this book, has been  
carefully done, and the statute  
as quoted I hope may be just  
what you want -

"Law Mode Easy" which you will  
have received when this reaches  
you may have much help for you.  
The Kansas law (if in it) is the  
best perhaps of any, because it gives



a wife almost absolutely the  
same property rights as a ~~wife~~<sup>husband</sup>  
The Massachusetts law on page  
28 of the "Legal condition of  
women" is very good indeed. as  
far as it goes. We need something  
that will secure to a wife a part  
of all that is accumulated during  
marriage - to have from year to year  
a ~~from~~ time to time.

I see that Kentucky may have  
a convention to amend the  
Constitution - If it does you should  
by all means work for an amend-  
ment that will abolish distinc-  
-tion ~~disfranchisement~~ or acct.  
of sex -

If you will let me know which  
of the leaflets will do most good  
I will have them sent, & wish I  
could do more for you, but I fear  
I cannot - With real sympathy in  
the struggle I know you feel  
I am truly  
Lucy Stone



233 CLARENDON STREET.  
Boston.

Feb. 24. 1889

My dear Madam -

I thank you for your  
suggestion, but am not at  
liberty to undertake the  
writing of such a tract as  
you propose -

Yours Sincerely

Phillips Brooks



OGDEN COLLEGE.

Wm. A. Obenchain, A. M., Pres't.

Bowling Green, Ky., March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889.

My dear Miss Clay. I know my long silence seems inexcusable. But if you could see the two babies who occupy my time & attention from morning till night you would not blame me. I have read with a great deal of pleasure the leaflets you enclosed and am keeping them to convert some anti-woman Suffragist.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1889.

Your letter of April 25<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand but I have been unable to answer it till now. In the past five weeks I have been in my old place, the principal's room in our public school, and shall be so engaged for five weeks to come. Both nurse and cook left yesterday, and you can perhaps guess at the amount of time at my disposal for cor-



pondence.

I will gladly do all in my power to arrange for Mrs. Cook's lecture. It is impracticable for me to entertain her, but I will pay her travelling expenses, and consult with Miss Bessie Fitzhugh as to the entertainment.

I received a sample copy of the Woman's Journal, and shall send you as many names as possible in this & adjoining counties. Are you well supplied with addresses of ladies in this town? Many of my friends have received the Kentucky number, but I imagine you ~~will~~ need more addresses still.

As to forming an equal rights association, I am sure it could be done, and ought to be done, but I am not the one to attempt it for this reason: my domestic duties are so absorbing that even if such an association were fully organized & equipped for work



I would not be able to attend a  
meeting or do any work that would  
take me away from home or  
home. I have given up the  
W. C. T. U. long ago, & I think  
from attempting anything, what  
I know I have not time to carry  
it through. I am going to  
join the State Association, and  
whenever there is work for my  
pen, work that I can do in  
my home, after the babies are  
put to sleep, I am ready to  
give you my help. I enclose  
a few names. I will send others  
in a few days.

Yours sincerely  
Lida C. Tomcham.



Warsaw, Ky. March 25<sup>th</sup> 1899

Dear Miss Clay-

Your letter received. The enclosed list contains as many names as I have been able to obtain. I am not a native of Ky. hence I have had to resort to another source than myself. Col. J. J. Sanderson, our chief lawyer, here, has kindly furnished me with this list. As Court is in session here even, I was fortunate in getting an interview with him. I have given you names of our women here so far as known. The list of the year is not fully made out. I have also given you the names of those favoring female suffrage in this place. There may be others. But those mentioned I know so & so. I trust you may be successful



in obtaining subscribers. I thank  
you for papers on the subject which  
I received next day after your letter.  
I endorse the "Third Party" plat-  
form - and take my stand thereon -  
Woman must come to the front -  
Her circumstances demand it -  
and the progress of the world re-  
quires it. It is strange that this  
country, a Republic, is not  
marching on with the rapidity  
on the question and the practice  
of "Woman's Rights" that Euro-  
pean countries are -

Yours Sincerely,

Ruth A. Martien -



Crab Orchard April 27,  
[1889]

Miss Laura Clay

Our Pres  
requests me to forward  
your names to enable you  
to distribute the Woman's  
Journal. I can not say what  
could be done at this place  
towards forming a local association  
tho' I think some will unite  
with the State E. R. A.

I shall be rejoiced to see the  
journal distributed through this  
Section.

I feel deeply on the subject -  
myself & I think some others  
here have given the matter  
some thought.



I shall certainly use my influence with our members from this Co. to get a married Womans Property-Rights Law passed.

I am like the ~~State~~<sup>my</sup> in St Pauls Chronicle I have been touched myself and am awakened to a sense of the situation.

Our Pres was from home for several weeks attending her sick Son, (is there still) Any communicate intended for her will receive attention by addressing.

Mrs W. O. Hansford

Mrs Eliza B Hansford

Crab Orchard

Hy

Car Sec W. C. S. U.



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Mrs Mollie Scott  
— H. L. Steager

— Allie King

— Mattie James

— Ella Hutchings

— Maggie Grover

— W. I. Stephenson

Sallie A Higgins

Jane Buchanan

Kamel-Abraham

W. R. Diller



Mrs Sallie Higgins  
— Kate Collier  
— Jennie Edinuston  
— John Baylie  
A. W. Montgomery  
Reece Ward  
E. W. Jones  
Scott Harris

Misses

Alice Stewart  
Lida Edinuston  
Mollie Brooks  
Kate Hays  
Mary Garmley  
Irene Hillion

Elsa B. Mansford  
Cordee W. C. G. U.



Harrodsburg Ky

April 12

1889

Miss Blay

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 7. is at hand  
and I hasten to give you an  
answer in part to it; I will  
say first, that I will get you  
the names in the two Counties  
mentioned and send them  
as soon as I can, but I cannot  
at this time help to circulate  
the petitions although I am  
heartily in sympathy with  
you, but my household affairs  
at this time is all I can man-  
age, but if I can find any  
one that will take hold of  
the work I will let you  
know, there is a good many  
ladies that I know of that  
are interested in this move.



ment among the ladies but  
are hindered by prejudice of  
friends from coming out and  
doing any work. We have been  
compassing this well for a  
good long time in silence  
it will disappear in the near  
future, and future generations  
will wonder that it ever existed.  
When our Union meets again  
I will see if I can't get some  
ladies to join the association  
I will see what can be done  
and give you further infor-  
-mation when I get you the  
names. Women are not  
interested many of them  
because they have never given  
the subject any thought and  
have not informed themselves  
about the matter and that  
is what is the matter with  
our men. They have gone on

Thinking as the fathers did  
and never looking at the  
other side of the question  
and how they do quote  
scripture; it is amusing.

With kind remembrance

Mrs T. S. Marimon



Woman's Department of Church Extension.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

General Secretary,  
Miss Lucinda B. Helm

1,500 THIRD AVENUE,

Louisville, Ky. May 2 1889.

Dear Miss Clay-

I did not intend to leave your interesting letter so long unanswered. But I waited to be able to find time to read carefully the literature you sent me - and I have been rushed forward day after day with a pressure of work that never seems to relax - until my feeble body relaxed then I lost time that must be made up and my real leisure is lost. In the time I've and many



things are thrust aside  
that - I would gladly do.  
I find in the printed  
matter sent me nothing  
stronger than I learned  
from you and your letter.  
For not meaning to flatter  
you & Mrs Bennett  
but - the question of  
Woman's Suffrage be-  
fore me more strongly &  
clearer than any one  
else I ever read after  
or heard on the subject,  
rendering it - more a  
matter of personal inter-  
est - than ever before.  
As I told you my objections  
do not lie along that  
line but - I differ in re-  
gard to the methods by  
which God intended woman



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to work - and I cannot  
see differently yet - but at  
the same time I do not  
wish to be confounded  
with those who speak  
so sweetly(?) of the inferi-  
ority of woman as to  
flatter her into living to  
sit on the foot-stool of  
man -

Man has the strongest  
grosser elements of mind  
and, like the roots of the  
human tree, draws sus-  
tenance from the earth  
beneath - woman like



leaves and blossoms  
drawing in the air and  
sun light - of Heaven  
without - he man would  
have no connection with  
the purest highest element  
- for this "mother" - "wife" -  
that - lifts the heart of  
man to God. Through  
her comes deliverance  
from the intelligent - animal.  
Together they make the per-  
fect - tree of human life.  
The leafless tree can  
not - live - as the world  
that - man would do with-  
out - woman is never true  
- never symmetrical -  
And the leaves should  
never forget - they are draw-  
ing in just - as substantial  
substances from the air



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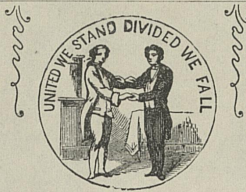
are just - as truly "roots"  
as those beneath the  
soil - they are doing the  
same thing but in a  
different - way - A man's  
realm is at-home as  
well as a woman's for  
the just - as necessary  
that - he should be as good  
father as she a good mother  
And he cannot get on  
board and do good  
work without her aid  
and counsel - The great  
interests of Man kind are  
as important to her as  
to him - she cannot be



time to God and neglect  
them - Her influence must  
be felt - in every department  
of life not - as a whimsical  
toy - but - as an intellectual  
power - She must see and  
recognize her duty to man-  
kind - What is needed  
is strong earnest women  
with highly cultivated  
senses - but - loving hearts  
who ~~bind~~ to principles  
will wield their power  
for good wherever they  
may be - and they are  
always with men - there  
is no lack of opportunity  
May God help us to see  
our duty as individuals  
and do it - at all times -  
It gives me pleasure to remem-  
ber my meeting with you - Trust  
I may see you again - in the  
mean time shall always be  
glad to hear from you -  
Yours kindly - Lucinda B. Helms



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.



OFFICE OF  
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Frankfort, May 2nd, 1889.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Prest. Equal Rights' Association,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

In answer to the inquiry in your letter of yesterday:

In Kentucky, a woman is not eligible to any office created by the Constitution of the State, but a woman is eligible to any office not created by the Constitution, unless prohibited to hold it by statutory law.

With the highest respect,

*James DeSha Pickett*  
Supt. Pub. Instruction.

P. S. It affords me pleasure to send you a copy of the official edition of the Common School Laws.

*J.D.P.*





J. M. KEATING,  
Editor-in-Chief.

Memphis, Tenn. May 4th 1889

Miss Mary B. Clay,

Dear Madam

I am in

receipt of your very appreci-

ative note of the 29th ult.

& beg to thank you for it. I

have been an advocate of wo-

men's rights for nine years

20 years. as far back as 1868

I put "the appeal" on record for

the absolute & unconditional

equality of women before the law,



but so far, I am sorry to  
say, without any appreciable  
results. It takes a great deal  
of time & much agitation to  
reach justice sometimes, but the  
progress made by the women agi-  
tators in other States induces  
the hope that, <sup>time of</sup> ~~several~~ ~~years~~  
not long remain behind. Hop-  
ing for the fullest measure  
of success for you in Kentucky  
I am, with very high respect, your  
fellow laborer in the good cause,  
J. M. Keating.



Monday morning, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 89

My dear Miss Claf,

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup>

came duly. I am not unappreciative - indeed I am glad to believe <sup>with you</sup> that the ladies of our small organization regret my inability to serve as vice-president! Even with two other vice-presidents, an emergency might arise. Besides, I have already more duties than I really ought to have. I am interested in our "Woman's Boarding Home" (giving it less attention than I ought,) in our Orphan's Home, and in our Free Kindergarten - besides my two homes & a farm!

I think I know a lady - an earnest, enthusiastic member of our society - younger than I am and who hears perfectly; a clear thinker and a facile writer who would fill the place well. I will inquire very soon, and write you - My "advice" and "counsel," such



as it is, will always be ready when  
asked - indeed I am sometimes very ready  
to volunteer it! Thanks for the  
"tracts"! I keep on hand a large supply  
of nearly, if not quite all the tracts pub-  
lished by the W. S. Association - Have you  
seen "Freedom's Conquests"? I sent for 50 copies  
& will send one, lest you may not have seen  
it. Was not the Kentucky Woman's Journal  
a good number? It must do good! Have  
you seen Dr. George P. Hays' monograph -  
"May Women Speak"? I have seen only  
the extracts in the last Union Signal -  
I have ordered 10 copies of the Signal &  
25 of the monograph - It seems to me an  
excellent refutation of the Baptist and  
Presbyterian <sup>ministers</sup> and others probably who  
object <sup>you</sup> to a woman's public speaking - that  
it is unscriptural, etc - Dr. Hays is a  
bright, independent, outspoken man; whose  
brother was once our pastor - On the  
strength of a long ago slight acquaintance  
I propose writing him my thanks for this  
utterance -  
Very sincerely  
Susan Look Avery.



May 20, 1889

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I cannot refrain from writing for  
you in encouragement; #) that a month  
ago, two of our gentlemen's Clubs -  
the "Conversation" and "Salmagundi"  
had for their subjects of Consideration  
"Woman's Suffrage." A prominent gentle-  
man in each club came to me for facts,  
points, etc. One of them had long be-  
lieved that women really had the same  
right to the ballot as men, but doubted  
whether the good effect, if obtained,  
would be all that optimistic women  
are disposed to claim! When he had  
finished his paper before the meeting of the  
Club, he sent me a note saying that he was  
converted, and the ~~the~~ whole Club ought  
to be! # The other gentleman had never believ-  
ed that women had any claim, or ought  
to have the ballot. When he met me after  
the meeting of his club, he did not acknowl-  
edge his conversion, # but said I should  
be surprised to know with what man  
# I think it w<sup>d</sup> not be wise to publish it abroad -

He is one of the best men I know



imity the Club favored the U.S. idea.  
Several of the gentlemen are Mem-  
bers of both Clubs.

So the harvest is at work! Good  
seed has been sowed, and is sprout-  
ing blossoms and grain, or fruit  
will yet grow!

I regret exceedingly that we are  
to lose Mrs. Dietrick from Kentucky.

Very sincerely

Susan Look Avery.

Please address "Mrs. B. F. Avery."



Verona, N.Y.

June 1st. 89.

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Lady;

Yours of Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> recd.

Press of business has prevented an earlier reply. Glad indeed to receive an introduction to you through my friend Mrs. Torman.

I must confess that I am not well posted in regard to the workings and progress of the Equal Rights Association but it strikes me



as the name sets  
forth the object in  
view, that I should  
be glad to become  
a member.

I do not feel strong  
enough to attempt  
to form an Auxiliary  
local Association, in  
my Village at present,  
but I should like  
to know the condi-  
tions to my becoming  
a member of the  
State Association.

I hope to be able  
to assist in circulating  
petitions. Could not  
make out whether  
it was 20 or 70 names  
you wished from  
Boone, but I will proceed

to get all I can of persons  
most influential, and  
will cheerfully  
forward.

Hoping to hear from  
you again as to con-  
ditions of membership  
in State Asso.

I remain yours  
interestedly,

A. C. Hamilton,  
Verona, N. J.,  
Boone Co.,



Hemingsburg Ky, June 14<sup>th</sup> 1887

Miss Laura Clay,

Your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> of May was duly received and should have been answered sooner but I have been so very busy that I could not get the time. hope I am not too late. I send you a list of names of ladies - the most of them are my personal acquaintances and all should be for the glorious woman's cause if they are not. Mrs. Paula Dudley of this place is very much enthused upon the subject and is a good worker at anything she undertakes. I think she would be a good hand to have a petition to pass round. I gave her the paper you



sent me and she said that  
she felt like starting out  
immediately with a petition  
I have always been for womens  
rights and am willing to do  
all that I can as soon as my  
busy season is over.

Hoping that the cause that so  
nearly concerns every woman  
of the land will soon succeed.

I remain yours very respectfully  
W. E. Bell.



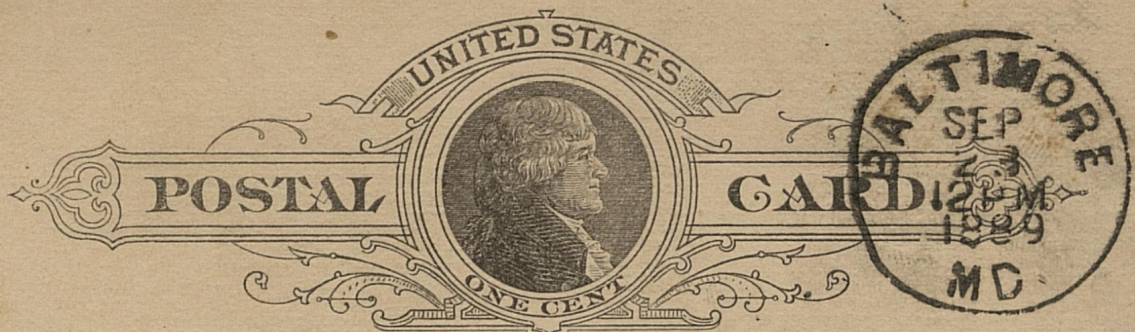
John H. Spink Univ., Baltimore

My dear Miss Clay, - Can you  
give me (or put me in the way  
of obtaining) any information on  
the subject of the education of  
women in your state (other than  
that contained in the Reports of  
the Bureau of Education)?

Very truly yours,

Christine Ladd Franklin.





NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Laura Clay,  
~~Lexington,~~  
Whitt slave Ky.



Mrs. J. D. and Julius A. Smith.

No. 413 Broadway,

Over Warfield's Drug Store.

Residence S. W. Cor. Ninth and Jefferson Sts.

Paducah, Ky., Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington

Personally unknown; but highly  
esteemed friends; accept hearty  
thanks for paper and circular  
sent me a few days ago.

I greatly sympathise with you  
in your grand work for woman  
elevation. And I rejoice to know  
that the sentiment in favour <sup>of her</sup> equality  
with man is rapidly taking deep  
root among our thinking people  
of all climes; and that the signs  
of the times indicate her near  
approach to the realization of that  
practical and universal equality  
with man which was intended  
by the Creator of us all; and which  
the very relations she necessarily  
sustains to each other makes  
manifest. I have one daughter  
and seven living sons. I think  
that daughter is the goal of the



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sons in every particular, save in physical strength. To elevate them above her because of that difference, should lead to the elevation of my horse above them because of a similar difference. I am making the Cause of the prohibition of the liquor traffic the leading feature of my reformitory efforts; but I never fail to put in a word or an argument for woman suffrage, and woman's elevation to full equality with man in every particular; when opportunity presents, whether that opportunity be private or public. And while I believe that Woman suffrage and Prohibition ought to go hand in hand; and the one ought to be made to foster the other; I at the same time do not believe it best just now to make the success of the one dependant upon the success of the other.

I think I national platform is



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about as near right as we can get it.  
 There are a few chivalrous spirits  
 who still oppose prohibition, and  
 yet favour woman's suffrage;  
 and there are still more who  
 oppose woman suffrage and  
 favour prohibition. Hence we  
 should have two grand armies  
 with recruiting offices for each,  
 the suffragist moulding the sentiment  
 of their allies in favour of pro-  
 hibition, and the Prohibitionists  
 moulding the sentiment of their  
 allies in favour of equal suf-  
 frage. I am glad to be able  
 to say to you that the sentiment  
 in favour of equal suffrage  
 is growing in Paducah. I think  
 it an opportune time for a full  
 presentation of the subject to our  
 people; not by one who comes  
 as a prohibitionist, but by one  
 who comes as an equal suffragist  
 or else as a labour reformer.



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Paducah, Ky., ..... 18

In this way I think the  
suffrage question could be  
more thoroughly advanced,  
and by incidental allu-  
sions to, and the advocacy  
of Prohibition, it could  
be greatly helped.

Apologizing for this rather  
lengthy note I am  
very respectfully  
Your friend and Colleague

J. D. Smith



Cubanks Nov. 11-1889

My friend Miss Clay

I have been tardy  
in regard to answering your kind  
letter of Oct 22<sup>d</sup>

I feel deeply interested  
in the cause of C. R. and have  
for years, and would be very glad  
to be present at the Annual  
Meeting but at present it seems  
impossible - My daughter is  
visiting a sister in Ind. and  
will not be ready to return so  
soon or she could take the  
Meeting in her way - If I should  
find it possible to attend I will  
be there - I shall try and  
obtain some additional mem-  
bers and send their names



I have said but little upon  
this subject lately, there being so  
few about me who are interested.

I feel that I have grown rusty,  
and very much need such an  
awakening as would result from  
attending your meeting. At  
home I have always had  
equal rights and have perhaps  
been less interested in helping  
to remove the bonds which  
women wear than I should  
have been. The thought that  
the lowest specimen of manhood  
has much lower than brutes can  
cast a ballot is getting ridical.

I consider it a disgrace to  
the intelligent manhood of this  
country and a burlesque on  
our boasted land of liberty  
that the educated intelligent



Women of the U.S. have no voice  
in making the laws of the land  
and at the same time are  
equally subject to them

Will be much  
pleased to hear from you.

In haste your friend  
R. J. Lewis



Paducah Ky  
Dec 2<sup>d</sup> 89

Miss Laura A. Clay  
Lexington Ky.

My dear Friend  
Your letter  
papers <sup>and</sup> all recd some time  
since. I have been quite ill  
and hope you will pardon  
my seeming negligence  
I saw papers published  
your announcement for  
me. Was very sorry I  
could not be with  
you in convention, my  
heart was there.

Very truly

Yours in the work  
Anna Williams



Somerset, Ky. Dec<sup>6</sup><sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1889

Miss Laura Clay

President Equal Rights Association  
Lexington Ky  
Madam—

Your  
letter just received and in reply will say  
that I will favor the passage of a bill,  
"requiring the appointment of women physicians  
for the women's wards in our asylums for  
the insane." We need such a law and I am  
willing to do my part in securing the  
passage of such a bill as passed the last  
Senate without the amendments that were  
attached to that bill

Very Truly Yours  
Geo J. Paul



New York

Dec 4. 1889

Miss Laura B. Lee

Dear Madam

I regret very much  
the delay in answering your letter,  
it was overlooked at the time, and I have  
only just had my attention called to it.

The principal medical reasons  
for including women in the staff  
of Insane Asylums so far as I know  
are three. First because examinations  
are sometimes necessary to ascertain  
the existence, or not - of any female disease,  
and of such cases for its treatment.



It seems more suitable that such  
examinations should be made by women  
in patients who are so completely under  
medical control that they have no  
voice in the matter.

Patients often have mental aberrations  
more or less connected with or  
in regard to the sexual functions.  
These may be of a character to be  
aggravated by treatment by men.  
Or they may lead them to do injustice  
to their medical attendants by  
making assertions of improper use  
by the physician under the guise  
of medical treatment, which are  
groundless. For the protection  
of the patient and the physician  
a woman physician would often



be desirable. Again a judicious woman can often understand and deal with women better than a man.

This is simply what we see every day & amplified in schools &c. - That men can not deal with women as

impartially and impersonally as they can with men. I do not believe

it would be desirable that the

women should be under the care of women physicians & clerically. It wd. be at present impossible to secure

a sufficient number of women to be exceptionally qualified as wd be

required - but I think one or more

women physicians wd be an advantage in every hospital staff.

I think you could get much more detailed information from women who in



change in such place.

Your graduates Dr Julia K Cary has  
been in service for several years in  
the Danvers Asylum Mass. Dr Helen  
Bissell. St Paul. Minn. was for some years  
at Pontiac Asylum Michigan.

Dr Augusta Steadman - Asylum  
Blackwell's Island N.Y. I believe  
if you wrote to these ladies they could  
give you information which might be  
useful. One of the best known women  
Physicians in this country is Dr Alice  
Bennet - graduate of Philadelphia who  
is in a large Pennsylvania Asylum.

You'd get her address from the College  
(Pennsylvania Med Col. for women. Phil).

I am sorry I can give you more  
information, but I have only general  
not detailed knowledge in reference to this.



D. W. WRIGHT.

C. U. M'ELROY.

Law Office of

WRIGHT & MCELROY,  
BOWLING GREEN, KY.

In reply to yours of.....

December 6 1889

Miss Lanna Clay. We are in favor of  
your proposition about women  
physicians in women work, but  
would prefer that Kentucky women  
should have preference. Don't  
think there will be any trouble  
in the Senate.

Respectfully,  
D. W. Wright



\* OFFICE OF \*

The Woman's Journal,

No. 3 PARK STREET,

Boston, Dec. 13 1889

Dear Miss Clay

We are delighted  
at the good work of the  
Kentucky Suffrage Society.  
Of course you are entitled  
to the \$20. Could you do  
better with the money than  
to put the Woman's Journal  
at half price in all your  
libraries, colleges, reading  
rooms, and to send it to  
clergymen who get it at the  
same price?



We are anxious to have you  
all at Washington - at this  
first meeting of the Union.  
We shall need to advise,  
and to have counsellors.

With love to your honored  
mother and to you

Lucey Stone



The Albion. St. Paul Minn.  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1889

Miss Laura Selay.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst is received, and is a peculiarly difficult one for me to answer. For in my seven years service at the Asylum at Kalama Mich. I saw so many different phases of the case that I myself am puzzled with the question.

If properly qualified women physicians can be obtained there is no possible doubt, but that they are very valuable in asylums, but a poor one is anything but desirable.

If a suitable one is in the place I should say that all patients needing gynecological treatment or who were erotic in their tendencies should be immediately placed under his care.

I have found attendants more willing to report regarding the physical condition of their patients to women physicians, so that many things that otherwise would be overlooked, could be attended to promptly.



I think that in Massachusetts every  
asylum is required by law, to have a woman  
physician. I cannot speak with any def-  
initeness in regard to other States.

Would it not be well for you to write  
to all the Superintendents of Asylums, where  
women physicians are or have been employed  
to obtain their ideas in regard to the matter?

Yours very truly  
Helen W. Bassell.





Bloomfield Ky. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1890

Miss L. Clay

By order of Mrs. Josephine  
K. Henry I send you a short  
petition gotten up in a few hours  
I had "la grippe" when I recd. her  
letter & could not attend to it & now  
do not feel able to do much, but  
as she orderd it sent by the 25<sup>th</sup>  
I will send what few I have  
praying Gods blessing on the  
movement which I believe to be  
just & right

Respectfully  
Mrs L. G. Davis



WILLIAM LINDSAY,

Frankfort, Ky. March 11- 1840

Miss Clay-

I shall do what I can to  
induce the House of Representatives to  
pass the Senate bill to regulate and  
define the property rights of married  
women. My engagements however  
are such that I can not promise  
much attention to the matter - I  
trust the members friendly to the  
bill may take it in charge and  
see that no effort is spared to secure  
its being enacted into a law =

I am very truly yours

Wm Lindsay

Miss Anna Clay-



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Doston July 25 1890

Dear Miss Clay

Miss Susan B. Anthony writes us as that by the end of August all the money pledged at Washington for the So. Dakota Campaign will have been spent leaving the expenses of the last two months before the election still unprovided for.

These are very important months, and if an active campaign is to be carried on up to the time of election, more money will have to be raised —

I do not remember who is President of the Kentucky S. C. but I know you as an earnest friend of the cause and so write to you to see what can be done in your state towards raising additional funds?



The time is short and whatever is done  
will have to be done soon.

Hoping you are well and with kindest  
regards to your mother

Yours sincerely  
Lucy Stone

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