

Tampa Fla.

Jan 7 - 95.

Miss Laura Clay term. S. C. N. A. M. S. A.

Your communication of Jan 4, asking for my vote on sending \$15 to Alabama is received, and I take pleasure in voting Yes.

Elen C. Chamberlain,

Dear Miss Clay.

I have the pleasure of informing you that Fla has sent to the National Treasurer \$10,30 dues, representing their associates. This gives us another vote in the Convention for which I was most anxious, and also returns to the National the \$10. sent Florida. I have worked very hard to this end and feel correspondingly elated,

I hope you will finally be able to
arrange to go to the Seminal, it is
such an opportunity for us in
Fla. The reports were received,
21 copies Express \$2.55-!! They would
only have cost 7¢ apiece by mail.
In such cases it would be wise
if those sending them would insure
the cheapest way, I think I will
not ask the Committee to pay the
express but let this be my own
contribution. Our bozars must however
be delayed a little, the time is
so discouraging, but I still hope
that even with our oranges frozen
on the trees, and our groves perhaps
damaged to the extent of the loss
of another crop, Fla. will be able
to do all the cars ^{profitably} without asking
anything from the Com. It is true
that we need and ought to have \$1,000,
to spend in the next year, but
up to the extent that the Com

could help us. I hope ^[Jan 7, 1895] we can
help ourselves, since I find so
many lean on the committee
so heavily. Oh! I hope there will
be many generous presses as I know
there will be generous hearts at
the Convention whose ~~owners~~ ^{owners} will see
the great need for the North, of
waste in the South.

The Convention is drawing very
near, and I hope to see you soon
but - I am now wrestling with
an "influenza cold" and fear
it will grow worse as such have
done before. It would be a great
disappointment should I be
unable to attend, to you.

Yours Cordially,
Ella C. Chamberlain

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S UNION.

9 Bedford road
Bedford Park
London. W.

Jan. 12th
[1895]

Dear Madam,

I am instructed
by the Committee of
the Int. Women's Union
to request that you will
consent to be appointed
a Vice-president.

We are greatly rejoiced
by the progress our
Union is making,

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S UNION

is being now represented
in no less than 26 differ-
ent countries -

I forward you the
Report, showing the
basis & objects of the
association, in which
I trust we may win
your sympathy and
co-operation - We
should also be gratified
if the Kentucky Equal

Rights Society will
decide to affiliate
with us -

I remain,
Dear Madam,

Yours very truly

Helen Jew

Hon. Sec.

Industrial Inst + College

Columbus. Miss

Jan 17th '95-

My dear Miss Lley.

Yr letter + literature recd.

Accept thanks. Gladly would
I offer my services in the great
Cause, if I could. I am employed
in the State Inst. The State is

opposed to Woman Suffrage: But

The majority - of the girls who leave
the college are impressed with
the importance of the part they
will play in the future history
of our Country. My tied hands
are extended to you in greeting.

My prayers ascend daily for blessing
upon the noble women who are battling
for the right. We have learned to
"labor + to wait" - In God's own

Good time the ballot
will be ours. The light
gleams all along the hill tops
of this last decade of
the 19th Century.

Emancipation is coming -
Already our hearts rejoice in
the victory of our Faith.

My work toward the accom-
plishment of that end must
be done in a quiet way -
through the coming women -
the girls of today.

Very Truly
M A Edwards

Jan 25 - 95 -

Dear Mummy

I am

at Providence Hospital
near Capital Hill -

I would not be able to
get to the Convention -

as I cannot walk
except without the greatest
difficulty - I would

be so pleased to see
you, I suppose I

have done my last
active work - Come

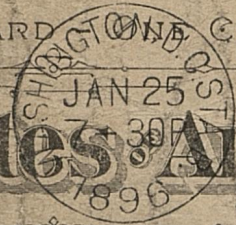
to see me if you can
I telephoned Mr. Cobby about

A. M. Jones, wife
A. M. Jones, wife
A. M. Jones, wife

Viola Noble

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Sam. Clay

*no
Washington
D.C.*

ADVANCE

Greenville Miss
Feb. 16 - 95 -

My dear Miss Loyal;

Several years ago when you wrote me about suffrage work I felt obliged to reply that I could do nothing.

Recently when Mrs. L^{att} came I was able to assist and write you about affairs here. Mrs. L. has doubtless told you but my standpoint being different may give my views a different coloring. In brief, we thought the meeting highly successful, tho we were ashamed of not being able to pay her. We had to rent the opera house and that made the expenses heavy. In fact I

thought it showed a good deal of courage for four women to go in and get up such a meeting. There were only four who helped. Mrs Mount came to me, I brought in Mrs Heleginski and Mrs Jayne gave some aid.

But I want mainly to tell you of the present status - In confidence - Mrs Jayne, who was made free, is not going to push the work and will willingly resign her W. L. F. W. women think it best not to be prominent. I mean best for the suffrage - I believe the best way to rescue the local assc. is for you to write to the Rev. Sec. Mrs Abc Blum, Main St. and

give her full directions. Over 30 are enrolled and if it is pushed it will do finely. I only wish we could get Anna Shaw or some other speaker. There is no one here to lead, I can't bring up to my eyes in W. L. F. W. to say nothing of a family. Mrs Mount can't temperance work has made her unpopular with the Jews here of whom a number joined the suffrage assc. I think Mrs Blum is a capable woman, she is a Jewess, and I think she will do something if you write to her. Of course you will know whether yourself or some other

is the proper official to do
this. I do not know.

Be assured I shall give all
possible help when I can
help.

I am Yours sincerely
Wells H. Somerville

Lebanon Hotel,

B. F. Wilson & Co., Props.

B. F. WILSON, Lebanon, Ky.
Mrs. O. S. CROUCH, Springfield, Ky.

Lebanon, Ky., Feb'y. 25th, 1895

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay, - My fellow colleague
in our debate last Monday
night, Mr. Robt M Kerr, informs
me that you expressed a
desire to know how the debate went
and he requested me to write
you.

I have the honor and
pleasure of informing you
that we won the decision by
the unanimous ~~own~~ vote of
the three judges, although prej-
udice in the audience was
against us.

The spokesman for the
judges, in rendering their

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decision said; "while our decision
in this matter may not
be in accordance with our
views, from the argument we
have decided in favor of the
Aff.

When I return home I
will mail you a copy
of our local paper, con-
taining the programme etc.

Thanking you for the
assistance you have given
us in this matter, I am,

Yours
E. Vance Puryear.

134 Adams St.
Memphis, Tenn.
Mar. 4th. 1895

My dear Miss Clay,

Your kind letter is received with much pleasure today. I have intended for some time to write and thank you for sending Miss Catt to us at Greenville and to express my appreciation of her earnest, womanly and beautiful work. She made a fine impression and did good. I was sorry that I did not know that Miss Yates would come to Miss. before I left ^{Vicksburg} there so I might have arranged for her, but I have written and hope Mrs. Catt may hear from

there favorably.

My husband thinks of
locating in this city and
I fear I will not be able to
do much more for the
Prohibition and woman's
cause in my loved ~~and~~
native state of Mississippi.

Yours with warm regard
Lavinia S. Mount.

Waynesboro Ga

April 22 - 95

Miss Laura Clay

Lexington Ky.

Dear Madam: - Mrs Catt
informs me that you will
arrive in Waynesboro on the
2.45 train May 22.

The schedule is changed &
there is no train at that hour.

The Augusta & Savannah road
will have but one train leav-
-ing Augusta in the day -
that will leave at 7:05 A.M.

Another will leave about 9
or 10 o'clock at night.

Please let me know at what date
to advertise the meeting.

Truly & respectfully yrs
turn over (Miss) S. A. Gresham turn over

I forgot to request that
you will let me know
what train to meet and
how long you will be
able to remain with us.

J. A. G.

Sunnyside.

Lexington S.C.

May 20th 1895.

Mrs Laura Clay.

Dear Friend.

I trust you
and Mrs. Nebel are well
and meeting with success.

Will you please drop me
a line to let me know
where you will be the
last of the week so that
I can send you a
copy of our local paper?

I have rested up a little,
and am going to work to
do what I can in response
to your suggestions. I send
you a copy of "Christian Life"
which ~~which~~ I deem of vast
importance I should be

sustained, and circulated
in connection with political
reform. I know you will
both approve of its teachings,
and will do what you can
in behalf of the cause.

I see we are to have
a new Bible or rather
a newly translated Bible,
so called, "The Woman's Bible,"
revised by the good women,
led by Elizabeth Cady
Stanton. God speed the
truth. May she live long
and enjoy the fruit of
her labors.

Lovingly and Truly
 J. M. A. Corley,

Galveston Texas, July 1 1895

My dear Miss Gray,

I send you by today's mail the last-days report of our convention. The National came very near advising us out of existence, but I managed to put them on their feet again and started them out alone, and I believe they will go all right.

Just before receiving Miss Anthony's last letter of advice (per Mrs. Catt) I had decided to call the convention in Dallas (where the opposition wanted it) regardless of the protest of friends in this section - to quit the advice from the National, and upon second thought, the opposition did not have a quorum, so I asked Mrs. ^{J. M. Beck} my friend to sign the request that it might be legal. A day or so after we received instructions from Miss Anthony to do what I had already decided to do,

I placed the entire convention in
their hands, only asking that my address
be made at night. Well the time came
around I went to Dallas, for the sixth
time 375 miles at my own expense, to place
them disturbers of the peace of the S. E. R. A,
and here these women who had threatened
every body and made it almost impossible
for us to do that which we had planned
had not done one thing towards the
convention, they did not even have
a programme written out; you may believe
that I was justly indignant at the
entire body of self constituted advisers
from Miss Anthony and Catt down.

A committee came to see me and told
me the condition of affairs. Mrs Craig
who had been so active, ^{and would have been} left the city
the morning before I arrived, Mrs Fry was
parading in a flower show in San Antonio
with her carriage decked in yellow a great
help to the cause? Mrs Burchell could not come
on the last day.

Dallas Convention

Mrs McAnally had not arrived, well I said ladies what are you going to do? I have my part of the programme in fact; Oh;

Mrs Hays you are not going to let the organization go down are you? No, I said you wanted your own way now you have it and see how well you have done, if you do not materialize a convention, I am still Vice President of the National and will organize another association. If you go to pieces of your own accord I cannot help that; And they begged me to fix it up some how, and I did, we met, I was "the whole show", we had two or three reports thru the whole time but they did not know but everything was all right; I went to my room planned the convention, wrote out my own programme and put it through, Mrs Smythe our Hostess Laps got up the evening entertainment with music recitatives and a speech from Mrs Sweeney

fraternal delegates from state W. C., G., L., and
my annual address. I first offered and
had passed amendments to the constitution
to harmonize with the principles set forth in
my address. I drew up a plan of work,
using the wording and ideas, when it
reverted, one of the National Plans and
made it impossible at least for one year,
by an amendment, for the G. E. R. to take
any part in politics. I would not enter
any office. I am now a free lance,
and will prepare to fill the lecture
engagements I have had for more than
a year and they were paid enough to
still hold me to the promise. I shall
work right along for the cause, and we
shall see what this year will bring forth.
Ever since that long and expensive trip to
Cleveland made because of Miss Anthony and
Cady's mistake in making the call, I had been in
a tussle. I was glad to hear you had been south

talking, I really feel that things are
 very promising in the South if we do
 not dash upon the breakers that has
 so often wrecked the women in the
 east and west, I shall do all I can
 to thrust the foot carrying out that
 portion of the plan of work of the National
 that recommends us to first ask for school
 suffrage, then municipal, and then state.
 Why should we go blindly and do the
 foolish things that others after having
 done them, confess was a backset,

I don't see why we can't use our
 common sense, Well though we
 can't all see alike I still believe we
 are conscientious, I write you this letter
 because I some how feel in duty bound,
 and trusting you will be interested.

The new president is quite a young woman
 but she is a lovely woman and well
 to learn, she has had no experience

nor can she speak, but our men can
tell how our night-Adelphi. She will
in all probability come to Washington next
month and I shall take great pleasure
in introducing her. She is the wife
of the son of General Houston and
he is a man of means.

With best wishes for the cause and
your own success

Cordially

Rebecca Henry Hayes.

Barren County Court

N. D. TERRY, Clerk.

Glasgow, Ky. July 3rd 1892

My dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter received. Sorry to keep you waiting over a week for reply, but we are so busy, fixing for all elections our saloons in our town, that after taking your letter to two meetings, I could never get a hearing for it. I wanted our Union to take it in charge if it would. I saw & talked with Mrs Emma Evans (the only suffragist in town, belonging to the Ass'n.) and she told me, "of course write her to come." I know she is willing to help about the arrangements any way she can. And I will attend to getting Court House or Normal School Chapel (which

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could be had for nothing, except cost of lights). There is town hall that can be had for 5 dollars a night. Holds much larger crowd & is more central than any but Court House. Our Court House is an awfully old dirty place & don't hold a great many but I know we can use it at any time. But to tell the truth I'm ashamed of it. We can get free advertisements, both our County papers are kind to give us space & free locals any time. Our election occurs Aug 5. Whisky men are trying to repeal our local option law. So that they can have saloons. Pray with us on that day that they may not succeed. I don't know any

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I only know of Mrs Murphy
thro Mrs Helen M. Parker

body in either of the places
you mention except Russell-
ville, Mrs Prof. Murphy, is Pres
W. C. T. U. in Russellville. Her
husband is Pres female college &
I guess she would have room
to entertain you both. I don't
know if I can get enter-
tainment for you or not
yet will try if you think
the outlook favorable
enough to allow you to
come here. I feel sure with
good advertisement you
can get a large audience
here. Hoping that I may
be allowed the privilege of
seeing & hearing you both speak,
I am your friend,
Dora S. Terry.

CLERK'S OFFICE

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MRS. MARGARET A. WATTS, President,
1127 Second Street, Louisville.

MRS. WALLACE, Vice President,
Hopkinsville.

KENTUCKY

Woman's Christian  Temperance Union

MRS. SUE PHILLIPS BROWN, Cor. Sec., Owensboro. | MRS. LIZZIE KNAPP MYALL, Rec. Secretary, Paris.
MRS. M. E. BRYAN, Treasurer, Millersburg.

Hopkinsville Ky July 30 1895.

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Comrade,

In your letter of July 20th you ask if I recall having met you at the Paducah Convention? Indeed I do! most pleasantly and kindly remember you, as one from whom I received both information and benefit from a conversation with you, and now in hearing you Lecture one night.

You have too much force of character to be one of the "Ships that pass in the night" and are gone and forgotten.

Now to the subject-matter of your letter namely, "that I make an appointment for you and Mrs Cannon to lecture here the latter part of August."

In the first place let me assure you that I am with you in your work individually, but as President of our local Union, my actions will have to be governed

(for the present²-only) by the decision of the Executive Committee, which framed the Bylaws and Constitution of this Union.

For that they decided not to take up the Executive Department or to discuss Woman Suffrage or have it discussed under the auspices of this Union. So you will readily see that it could not be changed without a two thirds Vote. At

this time nearly all our women are out on their Summer vacation and will not return before the first of Sept. We have not had a quorum in our meetings for a month.

As I have a right to my own opinion and often express it (outside of meeting) I will say to you that it is my opinion that that very clause in our Bylaws which is hindering our Union.

Together with the fact that we cannot get our women to take or even read our National or State Organs, hence their ignorance and lack of advancement, we have quite a number of Suffragist in our Union, but in such minority as to ~~not~~ accomplish nothing at all. The need the abiding in the word, Now will you allow me to make a suggestion; It is this, That you

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and Mrs. Fanner come down this fall about the last of Sept or first of Oct on your own accord ~~or under~~ first writing to the Trustees of the Union Tabernacle, for the use of it; and make the best terms you can with them, if your object is to educate and present this leading question, you may not make any money but I believe that you would have a good full house and I am sure the people need instruction on this important question and they will not read it up.

I am very much afraid that I cannot attend our State Convention at Lexington in Sept; as my daughter at Paducah will need me at that time, and I feel that my first duty is to her, it will be a great disappointment to ~~her~~ me, for it is such an inspiration to meet with such noble Godly women, all working together for one grand cause unitedly.

I do regret⁴ so much to have to answer
your letter thus, but hope and pray
that the day is not far distant when
our women shall know the truth, and
the truth shall make them free.

Excuse me dear friend for giving you
an answer sooner, but I was trying to
see what I could do for you in this
matter.

Yours in Christian love and
fellowship
Cornelia Wallace

ELLEN STEPHENS HILDRETH

NEW DECATUR

ALA.

J-4-95

My dear Miss Clay
Yours of July 1st b-
hand. I am glad that
you are satisfied with
the change. If events
prove contrary I shall
feel that I tried for the
best I could see and
we will certainly be
no worse off!

You are quite right
about the difficulty
of asking for help to
pay a pledge to the Nat-
al. It is not the right
thing to do but I was

so very anxious not to
have anything interfere
with our Convention.

Your plan of waiting
until it is held and
asking them for as
much as the S. Com-
gave is certainly the
best; and if the Convention
is not enough of a suc-
cess to venture upon that
we will still have several
months to secure it.

I shall send my own
private contribution to
Mrs Catt together with
that of Mrs. Arter of Gadsden
~~as Mrs~~ at once and
Mrs Catt writes me
that the Organization
Committee is very short
of funds. That will

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ELLEN STEPHENS HILDRETH

NEW DECATUR

ALA.

be ten dollars of Ala's
pledge and they must
wait for the rest until
we can get up some
entertainment to raise
it or until the convention
takes place.

I wrote to Mrs
Catt about our Con-
vention asking if
either she or Mrs
Henry could come
to our assistance.
Some much stress
is laid by politicians
and the clergy on
woman suffrage
being a northern move
that I have been very
anxious to secure

Mrs Henry, I heard
you say that you
were not a speaker
but if you could come
it would be a help
to even have your
name. I think from
what I heard that
one of the Huntville
ladies will develop into
a speaker. I hope so.
If I were twenty years
younger I would try
it myself.

I think Mrs. might
to have that No. It is as far back
in the "dark ages" as regards
real progress as Ala.

The name of the Huntville
lady is Mrs. Milton Himes.

Sincerely yours
E. J. Hildreth,

Brownville Tex.

Aug 9 - 1851,

My dear Miss Clay,

I am this far on my journey in quest of health, visiting some of Mr Chamberlain's relatives, and here your letter reached me. I have been in miserable health ever since I saw you, and very sick indeed part of the time, and doctors agreed that I must have a change of climate. My complaint is largely a nervous one, due I suppose to my age, and my nerves have had some severe shocks, during the last year. I am already much improved but have no strength. I suppose my nervous state will account for my taking such a ridiculously serious view of Mrs Dietrich. My opinion of her remains unchanged since her action at Washington.

but I don't care anything about her
performances now, and since I must
acknowledge that ever since her unfair
judgement and frantic arraignment in
the press of all who differed from her
I have held her in contempt - I surely
must have been sick when I wrote you.
But never for an instant think that
I can reach a state of health so poor
that I can give up suffrage work. I
believe that the more unable I become
the more things I see that I could do
if I had strength. The cause in Fla. will
be nearer my heart than any other I
know, but I fear I will not again
for any length of time be a resident
of Fla. and it is on my mind day
and night, "who will keep the work
going?" I am so aggravated at our
very ablest women being so discouraged
that as they wish - me they believe they
will give up all suffrage ideas it "will
never come, the women are so stupid" &c.
and they want to make a new heaven
and a new earth - all by themselves

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that I am used beyond expression. Women who might do something write me that they want a reform of "dress, diet, the marriage relation &c. and by no means will they work in suffrage matters without dragging in Temperance. Then another writes me that she is English and opposed to Prohibition and if the women are going to be so unjust as to force it she won't work in the cause, and they all wind up with "it's no use any more I'm so discouraged," and they've done nothing but write to me! And after all everything is moving on, really in a wonderful manner, considering the week I left home I received a letter from the Sec. of the Ex. Com of the State W.C.T.U. saying that while none of them knew whether I was a W.C.T.U., they had voted unanimously to ask me to come in with them and take the Chairmanship of the Foundation dept; and they would take it up. Now I have never been a W.C.T.U. but I will join anything respectable (I mean Society) that will

further the cause, for I don't care how
or through what - it comes so it - comes,
and I would have taken them up, but -
I could not - and it is such an
opportunity; for in Fla we can do
more things than than anything else
and I've been writing to every W.C.T.U.
woman whose name I could get for a
year, I urge them by all means to take
up that Dept; and that they surely must
have a suitable woman amongst them
and they must hunt her up, but - it -
does seem hard that what I have so
longed for should come too late for me,
Still they will go on some way I
suppose, the agitation won't die, As to
attending the National Conventions I'm afraid
I'll not be able to again, but not from
any feeling or discouragement on my part;
It will be in Washnigton next and the expense
is too great; We have spent nearly \$200,
attending two and it is our own money
since ^{none} of our societies is able to send delegates
and we cannot well continue, although
It will be a real regret - to me not -
to do so. An loss last winter was

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probably out-under blood, and my health demanding a radical change, we will go out a fine farm property - we have in S.W. Missouri. This will remove me from active work in Ill. and you may be very sure that I will not live in Missouri and represent Ill., yet - I can't rest until I get a woman for the work and I am hopeful, I think the work is languishing right here in Ill. because Mrs Colby in Wash. represents it. You would be surprised how little has been done here, and we all know that any western State has plenty of women capable and willing. I have found my woman as soon as her husband dies or is converted, and I am trying to bring her in to the work so gradually that she will be properly committed before she knows it - I will - write to Mrs Catt for her to advise

with her, I don't go anywhere but I
find the harvest ready for the labours,
and so ripe is it that I leave converts
behind me everywhere, putting my work
in on voters. If it seems a little difficult
to begin Don Chamberlain opens the way
by bringing the subject in as a political
need, and together I must say we
always keep the field, I certainly
have written a long letter, such as I
have not written for a long time, (though I
wrote over 500 last year)

Letters addressed to Tampa will reach
me, I leave here for Dorra my old home
next week. Mr C. sends his love and
says "it's coming fast." Give my love
to Mrs Dory Day, and remember
that but for you I never would
have overcome my wretched
hesitancy and worked as I have,

Affectually yours

Eliza C. Chamberlain

Sept. 4, 1895

Fryeburg, Maine

My dear Miss Clay,

Finding that
Whitchell is not a
money order office, I
send by registered mail
and shall be glad to
know of the receipt of
the enclosed.

Truly yours,

Abelaid A. Claplin.

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Sept. 21, 1895
Miss Laura Clay
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

For several years I have noticed your name, in connection with progressive ideas in favor of women, this is my reason for addressing you.

Will you look over the manuscript I send you, if worthy of a place in some paper, will you please

offer it to the paper. Will you
please tell me, plainly, if my
writings might be profitable,
and give an address that
^{my} might ~~take~~ them. ~~Though~~ I am sixty odd
years old, a widow and
in worldly possessions,
poor, yet I have, often, ^{and}
do continue, as God gives
me thought and time,
express my sentiments on
questions, so laden with
inexpressible blessings to
the human family, as this
on which I write you.

If no paper wants it
please return,

One of your admirers,
truly, Mrs. Adalino Drake,
Central City,
Muhlenburg County,
Ky.

MRS. A. VIOLA NEBLETT,
VICE PRESIDENT.

Equal Rights Association of South Carolina.

Columbia

Greenville, S. C., Sept 21 1898

Receipt of Miss Laura Clay
Chairman Southern Com
Six Dollars. Donated by
Mrs Adelain Claflin -
for campaign in South
Carolina -

A Viola Neblett.

I read all your
addresses with
much interest.
M.A.C.

"Sunyside"

Greensboro N.C.
Sep 28 1893.

Laura Clay,
My Dear Friend,

Your favor
or at least a part of your
letter reached me this a.m.
It closed with these words:-
"I remember with"
By that I don't know whether
your memories of me and
this place are pleasant or
painful - I hope the former.

Of course I infer that part
of your letter was left out -
as it contained no signature,
but fortunately your address
was on the envelope. I can
readily excuse you with
all you have on your mind.
Mr. Corley has kindly

gone to our county auditor
to try to secure the statistics
you request. But I can
hardly think it will effect
any thing. Recourse to such sta-
tistics seems to me like
straining out a gnat and
swallowing a camel, on the
part of the powers that be.

The few colored women
who have struggled up from
slavery and ignorance to the
accumulation of \$300 prop-
erty and the ability to read
and expound the Consti-
tution of the United States
is doubtless just as good
a citizen as any one, and
far better than many white
men who vote. If only
people would only do what
they know to be right
and just without being
guided by selfishness and
palsy our cause would

win without doubt. I am
sure you and your brave co-
workers are deserving of
great praise for what you
are doing in behalf of
the cause, and may you
have the reward of well
done, and enjoy the plaudits
you deserve. I intended going
to your meeting - but was
informed too late to do any
good by going, and as for
staying more than a few
days it was impossible.

Mothers with young chil-
dren ought to be excused.
And that is practically
my condition. My little
girl I cannot leave and
to take her with me puts
her in the way. My faith
in the Convention assembled
is hardly strong enough to
believe that God will heed
prayers offered in their be-

half-unless it is in the line
of his providence.

At considerable trouble Mr.
Cooley & the auditor Mr. M. D.
Habman have procured the
desired information:

Total No. of white women
paying taxes on \$300 426

Total No. of colored — 8

So you see there is no
danger of leasing "white
supremacy" by the accession
of those 8 votes provided
even that they all vote.

Probably not one of them
would attempt to vote
if they had a chance.

Much love to Mrs.
Neblett and Mrs Young
if they are still with you.
God speed the right!

Truly & Respectfully,

(Mrs.) M. A. Cooley,

P.S. I wrote to Mrs. Young
the day of your hearing.

Dear Miss Clay

I am very glad
to see you one or
time. Dr. V. Clayton
will come this eve-
-ning to conduct
you to the parlors
of the Opera House.
I send you some flowers.
Very Sincerely Yrs.

Mary P. Scriven
Oct. 11, 1895-

Marion S. Co.
Oct 22nd 1895

My Dear Miss Clay:

I am
quite delighted that
the petition met your
approval. I am glad
it looks so well
in print. Mr Evans
wrote it. I must
tell ^{you} that Mr Evans
is the author of the
"Law of Sidel Justice"
used throughout the
State; since I had

the system to amuse office - I failed
you by letting you to see him the last
of my preparing an time I wrote you
argument for him. I sincerely hope to see
once upon a time. find him this aft.

I always consider should you and
it a great favor when Mrs. Abbott have
he wishes me to read any photographs
up for him. taken, please, do.

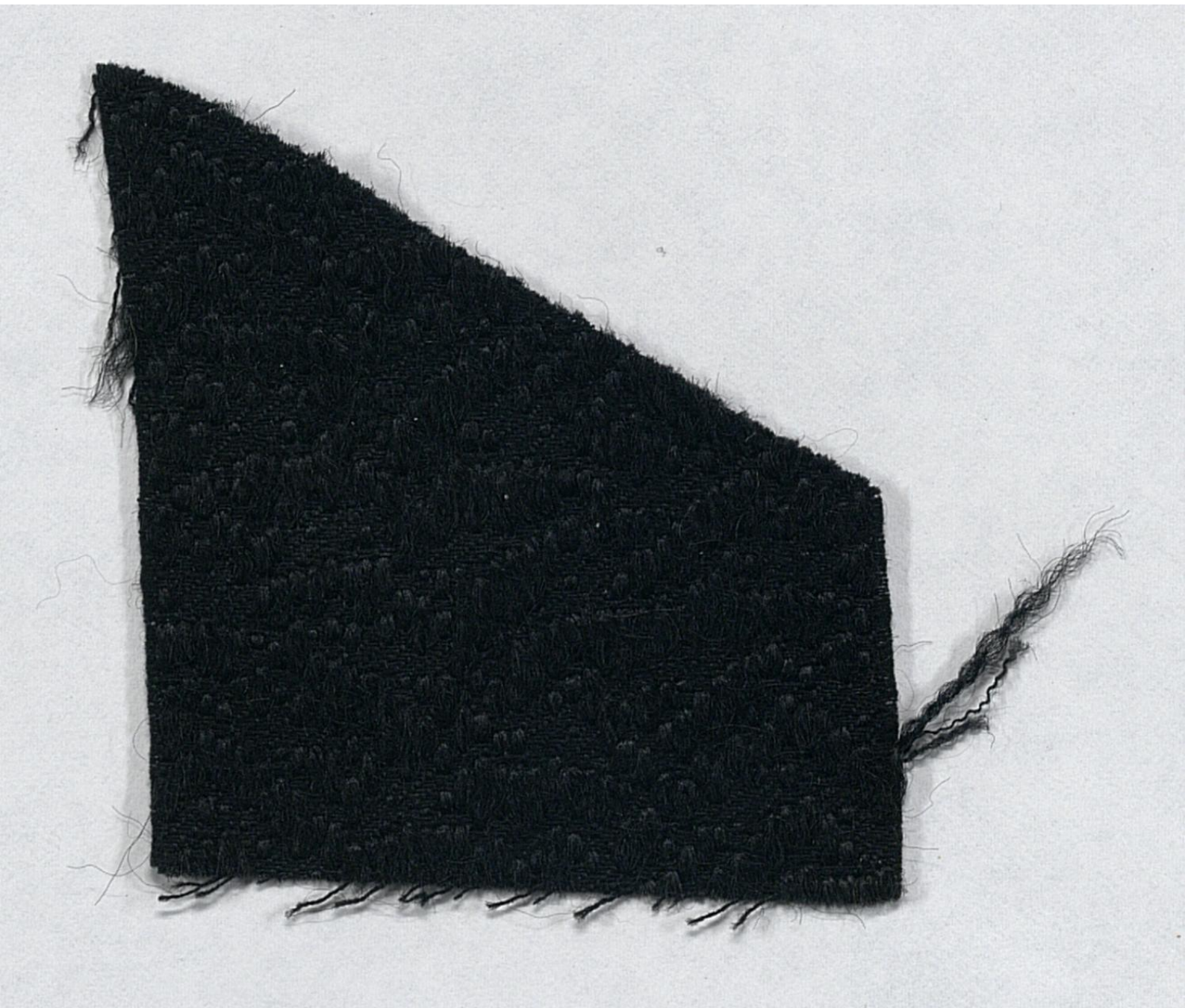
I think that auditor favor me with
of ours is somewhat one. Give my kind
of a dance - he is care regards to her.
rarely ever in his. Enclose a sample

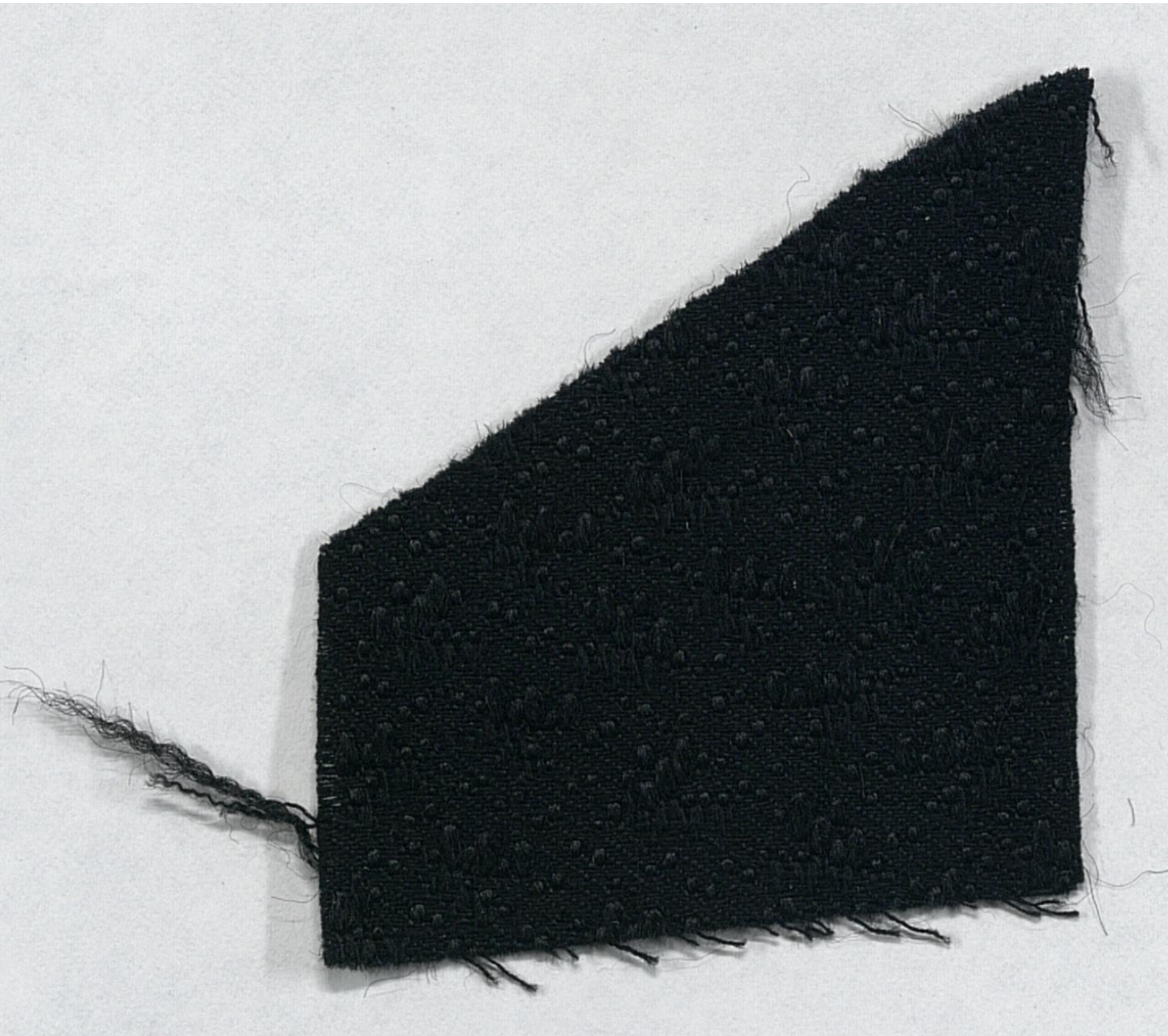
I failed to
see him
yesterday
so am out
N. B. very late
Auditor
Court find
that there
are any
colored
women
not paying
to the bank

of my new dress.
I have some lovely
samples from Santa-
Maker. would you
like to see them?

I should think it
would be easy to
get up a petition
in Florence; or have
my trial?

Sincerely yours
J. H. Evans





Office of County Treasurer,
Laurens County,

J. D. Mock,
Treasurer.

Laurens, S. C., Oct 23rd 1895

This is to Certify that ^{Only} ~~Eight~~ (6)
Colored Woman, Return Three hundred
(\$300) Dollars and upward for Taxes
in Laurens County. For 1895;

J. R. Finley
Auditor L. C.

Kansas City Mo.
Oct 24th 1895

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Miss Clay.

I have often thought with pleasure of the tiny bit of a visit I had with you at my brother's, when the notes of the mocking bird united with the fragrance of flowers to charm the night. We just meet and greet here those whose souls wake a sympathetic chord in our own - but "We shall know each other better, when the mists have rolled away".

What I intended to write was this: I would be very pleased if you could accept the enclosed invitation; but as I dare not hope you will, I

Would be glad to read a word
of cheer or greeting from you,
to your Missouri sisters, if you
feel it in your heart to send
me one ~~of~~ them, or in
Lenaker parlance: "If the Spirit
Moves" thee to do so.

Your pleasure in the matter
will be mine.

I think I know your town
but my treacherous memory
of names and the late date
at which our invitations were
issued induces me to address
it to your state alone trust-
ing it will find you in
due time.

Your friend
(Mrs. D. A.) Carrie C. Painter
1604 Flora Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

Wished the caspation
had been on the
platform would have
given to the audience

Her paper was read
by Mrs Avery but it
was not Helan Gardner
Mrs Young gave a very
bright spirited account
of the Campaign in
your State & it was
well received & I think
did much good - We
were very glad she came
over - The Exposition is
considered by judges
very good - But not yet

we had not had the
numbers to make it
a financial success - I
only hope they will come
in Nov. & Dec. I have
been watching the papers
for the accounts of your
convention expecting every
issue to see the subject
of woman's suffrage
promulgated. The negroes
came before you & I
think made a good
presentation of their side
of the question. I truly
hope you will, if only
upon the ground of expedi-
ency, be declared ~~the~~ worthy
of all rights enjoyed by

Now - Mrs Young told me
you thought to spend
the Winter in Washington
I envy you the privilege -
Did you were there in
the Summer - Mrs Young told
me for what purpose - Now
I am suffering in a similar
Manner - Did you have an oper-
ation or were you treated with
I would like much to know?
It has only within the last
two weeks given me any
serious trouble - but even
now I believed it could be
cured without the knife. I hear
other people who have had such
trouble say so - Give me the result
of your experience please that I
may not stumble in getting rid of
so disagreeable a nuisance - It makes
me so nervous - I want to see you so
much - wish you could come over
I have had some success in taking ^{her} ^{over}

[Oct 29, 1895]

You are most cordially invited to attend
the Fifteenth Anniversary
of the Central W. C. T. U., to be held
Thursday evening, Oct. 31, 1895,
at the parlors of the First Congregational
Church, cor. 11th & McGee Sts.

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, recently
returned from Europe, will, with other
friends, be present to contribute to the
interest of the occasion.

Flournoy D. C.

Oct. 29, 1895

My Dear Miss Clay:

The enclosed letter and invitation will speak for themselves. Mrs. Painter, my sister-in-law sent to your state but it was returned to her from her own postoffice, as not correctly addressed, so she requests me to forward to you, which I take pleasure in doing. I am enjoying the progress of the Suffrage question, and am delighted with recent developments. What a grand victory it would be for our State

if women are granted the franchise. I think in that event we will want to have a jubilee, don't you?

I hope some day to renew the acquaintance with you begun last spring. I see one of our members gave our little Florence organization a notice, telling the convention that the President was a "New Englander"

Wishing you all manner of success and the joy of seeing the fruit of your labors
I am

Your true friend

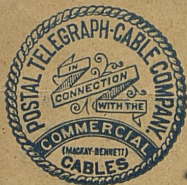
C. R. Coffin.

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Form 2.

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TELEGRAM



This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages subject to conditions printed on back of this Blank.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President and General Manager.

JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
99	ag	jm	3pd
Dated Lexington Ky 6		Received at Colife 1201P	
To Miss Laura Clay		(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)	
		Nov 6	
1895			

Hotel Jerome
Woman's ticket elected

May S Hamilton

CONDITIONS.

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the message written on the face hereof and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any REPEATED message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of messages to any point on the lines of the Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

This Company will not be liable for damages in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission. In any event, this Company is not to be held liable for any loss, or damage, or for delay, or detention, or errors caused by storms or action of the elements, or other acts of God, or by civil or military authority, or by insurrections, riots, rebellions, or dangers incident to time of war, or by the unlawful acts of individuals.

This is an UNREPEATED Message and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison.

No employee of this Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

MRS. A. VIOLA NEBLETT,
VICE PRESIDENT.

Equal Rights Association of South Carolina.

Greenville, S. C., Nov 23 1895

Dear Miss May.

Yours of the 19th with
enclosed check received.

I was pleased to hear
from you. I am glad
you saw and had an
opportunity of knowing my
friend Miss Swift. I think
she will make a very
efficient State President
she has a level head.

but she is outside the
pale of orthodoxy. and
if she blunders it will
be along that line. as she
has written some articles
that were strongly ultra.

I have been quite unwell
ever since I came home

I have had two acute attacks
of neuralgia in my side
have not been able to
leave the house. I shall
go to Washington as soon
as I am able to go down
town and attend to some
business. I shall go direct
to Providence Hospital
for a few weeks treatment.
I had a letter from Mrs
Colby asking me to go to
her house but I prefer
the Hospital where I am
so ailing. I send you
an editorial from our daily
paper - (A. B. Williams editor)
you will see how they
will use Mrs Stanton's
Bible against us - I think
it would be well to send
the clipping to Mrs Colby
to warn her - and show

MRS. A. VIOLA NEBLETT,
VICE PRESIDENT.

[Nov. 23, 1895]

Equal Rights Association of South Carolina.

Greenville, S. C., 189

The enquiry of such writings -
but use your own judgment.
I have not heard from
Mrs Young - nor written her,
I enclose the letters last
written to me. Will you
hear unless you get
a postal saying I am
in Washington - Kind
regards to your mother.
Yours truly
A Viola Neblett,

Fairfax Ill.

Nov. 25th 1893.

Dear Miss Clay:-

It was so glad when Mrs. Young told me that you meant for me to have one of your photographs and I have just been waiting for you to get home before I wrote to you. Seeing the pictures in the "Register" of you, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Neblett and Gen.

Hempill reminds me
that I have probably
waited long enough.

I do not know of
any one whose picture
I would appreciate
more than yours
and I shall be so
proud to show it to
my friends with the
speech you made
before the Constitu-
tional Convention and
when I tell them

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Nov. 25, 1895,

how you work for
women and how
your heart is in
this righteous cause,
I know I shall get
new members for the

E. R. A.

I know you
were disappointed after
working so earnestly and
I feel far more sym-
pathy for you three brave
women, you especially,

than disappointment
at the defeat, because
it knew how much
prejudice there was
among the men every-
where, and had very
little hope, yet it did
not think you were
wasting your time for
no good work is ever
lost and it will not
be long before we shall
see the great good re-
sulting from this rather

discouraging beginning.

I am sorry
that I cannot have
some photos taken here
or that I could send
you one now, but I
hope you will not for-
get me before I have
a chance to go to a
city when I will have
some taken. I pray
the good Lord will

Bless you and your
work. With much love,
Marion M. Buckner.