

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 1st, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

I have just received your letter of the 30th ult; and I am glad you wrote directly to me rather than wait longer on Mrs. Shepard. I have heard from her once since my return; and in that letter written from Canada she says she sometimes lost her letters in the mails; that she was not to return home for several weeks, and when she did she would write a full report of the finances. I have not heard since, and I have let time pass unconsciously, as I knew a remittance should have been made to you before this. When I do hear, I will see that all arrearages of salary are paid and that a sum for postage is sent. In the meantime, I send my check for \$25.00, five dollars of which is advanced for postage; and the other is what I am paying to the free-will fund, as I explained in my letter from Oregon. As it was partly from the confusion that arose from our method of paying different expenses that caused so much trouble in settling your account, I am enclosing a form of receipt, by which please acknowledge this sum to Mrs. Shepard.

In my last letter I wrote to you so hurriedly that I did not acknowledge your first prompt and very satisfactory letter. Until I got your last before this I had not really observed that I had omitted to do so. You thin people have no adequate idea how we fat ones suffer from the torrid weather we have had! I am so thankful that it is now cooler. If it were not, I really do not know how I could make the preliminary arrangements for our state convention, which comes off in Ashland, the latter part of November, days not yet fixed. I have lately been able to arrange with Miss Shaw to give us two

evenings on that occasion, but I must hear again before the days are finally fixed.

I know your report will be one of the most encouraging features of the convention. You will see by the minutes that the money for your little salary was raised at the convention, but I am informed by Mrs. Shepard it has not yet been collected. She was not present at the convention, which is probably the reason it has not been collected sooner. However, I hope soon to get all this straightened out.

I enclose a clipping relating to the Ky. Gazette.

Cordially yours,

P.S. I am going to Warren for a Business meeting of the N.A.W.S.A. on the 11th of Oct. The important campaign in Oklahoma makes the meeting necessary.

Oct. 1st, 1906.

Received from Miss Clay, Five dollars, advanced by her for postage, etc., for Press work of Ky. E.R.A.

Oct. 1st.

Received from Miss Clay, Twenty dollars, in part payment of salary of 1906 of Press Sup't of Ky. E.R.A.

CLAUDIA Q. MURPHY
HAWKINS BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Grand Rapids, Mich., 10/2/ 1906.

Miss Laura B. Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Madame:-

Having made a long and very interesting study of the question of walls and their best sanitary as well as decorative treatment, it has occurred to me that the information I have gathered and the data that I have collected might with advantage be placed in the hands of the many Woman's Clubs in this and other countries and be used to advantage.

Knowing how practical the work is in the clubs it seems to me that a department of home sanitation might be of great value, not only to the homes of the members but to the community as well, and knowing how broad your sympathies and how keen your interests, I take the liberty of asking you to consider the work for the coming year in your club calendar.

In order to get some authoritative data, I sent out a series of questions to the leading physicians in this country and asked them several questions. Among the queries were these: "Is it true that the walls of the home under certain conditions become a harbor for tuberculous germs and other infectious and contagious bacilli? Do germs lie dormant on papered walls for years and later come to life and infect families? Would you approve of tinted walls in preference to papered walls?"

From the many answers I quote from an eminent Chicago sanitarian, who says, - "There is not much room for doubt but that papered walls often harbor infection. In my experience as health officer in two cities I have observed the recurrence of many cases of infectious diseases that I could not otherwise account for. Cases where there was the history of other cases of like disease in the same room, and a fresh outbreak after disturbance incident to repapering. I ALWAYS ADVOCATE WALLS TINTED with a substance containing an antiseptic material."

Many other physicians say the same thing and the consensus of opinion was strongly in favor of tinted walls. If you care for these things in detail, I shall be very glad to send them on to you, I am in business, (but not in the decorating business) and this is merely a fad, if you will, to furnish study and information. If it so happens that the information can be turned to genuine service, so much the better, for I am of the opinion that there is grave need for more intelligent sanitation in the home.

Wishing you continued success, believe me, Madame,

Yours cordially,

Claudia Q. Murphy

Claudia Quigley Murphy

Wall Sanitation

91 Madison Avenue South

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Grand Rapids, Mich., 10/18/06.

Miss Laura Clay,
181 N. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

It gave me great pleasure to see your name on the envelope of a letter from you in response to one that I am sending out on the subject of "Wall Sanitation". It seems a far cry from "Wall Sanitation to Suffrage work or rather from Suffrage work to "Wall Sanitation" but in a way they are related for each has for its object the betterment of social conditions.

In days gone by when I had the pleasure of being in Suffrage work I had the good fortune to hear from you frequently.

I saw Dr. Shaw a few days ago down at Kalamazoo at the State Suffrage Convention and she told me she was going down to Warren. I have lived in Michigan for the last six years and have been out of Suffrage work as you know for many years. I still retain my interest however and am still full of hopes.

I shall be very glad to have this subject of "Wall Sanitation" taken up by the Kentucky Club Women for I know that you have conditions down there that this subject will produce an amelioration of, if not entirely overcome.

I have learned that the Club women of your neighboring state of Tennessee have a Conference at the University of Tennessee each winter in which economic and social matters are brought directly to their attention in a systematic way. Do you have any such work down in Kentucky?

I enclose you in this letter a leaflet which has been prepared by Mrs. Ferris of the State Federation which explains itself and may be of some service to you.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again some time and thanking you for writing me I am,

Yours very truly,

Claudia L. Murphy

Wall Sanitation

A Profitable Subject for Study.

LEGISLATIVE ASPECT.

REV. JEANNETTE O. FERRIS,
Chairman Legislative Committee, Michigan Federation Women's Clubs,
GRAND RAPIDS, - MICHIGAN.

The subject of Wall Sanitation is attracting much attention at the present time, claiming its word from physicians and scientists; and naturally has appealed to club women, since they are the home guardians. For the subject is vital to the health of every home, for whatever the surroundings; whether the rooms be large or small; whether the house be cheap or expensive; whether it is in the city or in the country; whether it is in a village or metropolis, there is always the question of the four walls and ceiling in every room, and so the subject of Wall Sanitation is one that confronts with vital interest every member.

It is not an occult or abstruse subject, for sanitation means simply cleanliness; and Wall Sanitation is but a discussion of the best ways to make walls clean and keep them clean.

Continuous Study.

The subject of Wall Sanitation should present continuous and continuing study. It should not be taken up in a desultory way or any attempt made to cover the subject in a single meeting.

Suggested Line of Study in Wall Sanitation.

Causes of Unclean Walls.

Dust, steam from kitchen and furnace, coal soot, scales from bodies of occupants, exhalation from breathing.

The Kitchen Wall.

Effects of steam from cooking, greasy steam from range, soot from range, dust from floor, odors, color, light, creasoting of walls.

Living Room Walls.

How frequent recoating, how to overcome spots, the best color, the permanent coating, rough or smooth surface.

Chambers.

Special work with regard to sleeping rooms, open windows, furnace heat, temperature, color effects, solid wall stripes.

Bath Rooms, Closets and Pantries.

Special conditions, colors, cleanliness and permanency.

Schools and Churches.

Special inspection work with regard to preventive means, effects of dust and dried sputem on walls, color, heat, re-coating, etc., etc.

Condition of Walls.

The first thing to consider is the present condition of the walls. Here we are usually confronted with a number of very unsanitary conditions. In relation to the walls as they stand at present the subjects to be considered are the coating first, which is usually wall paper; the material with which the wall paper is applied; the length of time that the paper is on the wall; the physical conditions of the room, whether it be light or dark; whether the ceiling be a high ceiling or a low ceiling, whether there are cracks in the wall, whether the corners are closed. Very frequently seams present themselves in the corners caused by the shrinkage or settling of the house.

Having considered the conditions of the wall, the conditions that exist as they now are, the next step is to consider the situation that has produced these results.

The atmospherical conditions have been one factor; but the most vital factor perhaps, has been the inhabitants of the room.

Periodical Cleansing.

Walls are usually left undisturbed as long as they look fairly clean. This usually means a period of from one to two or three years. No one would think for a moment of leaving windows to be cleaned annually, or bi-ennially or tri-ennially, yet we have been leaving walls in just that condition. There is added to the wall the same dirt that is added to the windows only the glass being clear and transparent, the dirt is more obvious.

Disease from Walls.

It is no doubt true that much of the disease which suddenly injects itself into a household in seemingly mysterious ways has come through the wall as a vehicle. The concentrated breaths, the accumulation of dust from the carpets, and dirt from the streets have each added their quota to produce a condition that is far from cleanly white at the same time the color of the wall hangings may not be destroyed. Because the appear-

ance of a room is artistic; because the colors are unfaded; because the harmony is maintained, it does not follow that a room is clean even when it has been wiped down with the ordinary cloths. This is especially true with regard to papered walls whose porosity makes a hiding place for many germs and whose seams and laps present a resting place for all kinds of bugs and dirt.

How to Secure Clean Walls.

Secure a wall that is sanitary as well as harmonious. The best medical opinion says that this can be done only by tinting the wall with a material made from an antiseptic base. The most preferable material is always that which is made into a solution by the addition of clear cold water. There is nothing more cleanly than water, and when clear water is added to a substance that is mineral in its origin and antiseptic in its effect, an ideal trinity is formed.

All these subjects are worthy of study and in fact, are most vital elements that enter into the home today.

Legislative Work.

Wall Sanitation has now been considered by the Lake Placid, (N. Y.) Conference where the most advanced experts on the subject of Home Economics are gathered, the leading Colleges of this country where Home Economics is taught have added Wall Sanitation to their list of topics.

The Womens Clubs of Toledo, Ohio, have introduced an ordinance prohibiting wall paper in tenements, etc. New York State, section 108 page 55, now has a stringent law on the subject. Chicago, in section 1229, makes it a part of their municipal code. Massachusetts has a bill pending, No. 528. New Orleans, La., prohibits wallpaper. Boston, Mass., prohibits paper with arsenic in its coloring matter.

Kansas City, Mo., has a new Tenement House Commission to consider the subject. New York State officers and Missouri State officers as well as others have endorsed the work of 'Wall Sanitation.'

Much effective work can be done by the legislative department along these lines. There is no field which presents greater opportunities for the amelioration of social conditions than securing the passage of laws with reference to the introduction of harmful elements into the home and there is no more harmful element in the home of the poor especially than wall paper or unclean coatings as well as dirty coatings. It is not only dangerous in its coloring material which is largely composed of arsenic, much of which is free, but it is also harmful because of its tendency to harbor disease germs, bugs and much animal and other filth

New Bill.

A Bill to Secure Better Sanitary Conditions in Walls and Ceilings of Private and Public Buildings Within This State, and to Remove the Danger of Contamination and Disease From Such Walls and Ceilings.

The People of the State of Michigan Enact:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place or cause to be placed any wall paper upon any wall or ceiling in any dwelling house, hotel, flat, apartment house, store, office, church, hall, theater, opera house, or any other building, whether public or private, within this state, unless all wall paper and other substances adhering to such wall or ceiling be first removed therefrom and such wall or ceiling be thoroughly cleansed and freed from all foreign substances and impurities.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any owner or part-owner of any tenement house or lodging house within this state, or any officer or agent of any corporation owning or controlling any such tenement house or lodging house, to permit any wall or ceiling in any room of such house, the same not being covered with wall paper, to remain for a period greater than one year without being thoroughly coated with a material made from an antiseptic substance. And it shall be unlawful for any owner or part-owner of any tenement house or lodging house within this state, or any officer or agent of any corporation owning or controlling any such tenement house or lodging house, to permit any wall paper upon any wall or ceiling in any such tenement house or lodging house to remain upon said wall or ceiling for a greater period than two years, or, on the removal of any wall paper from any such wall or ceiling, to fail to have said wall or ceiling, within the period of ten days thereafter, either thoroughly coated with a material made from an antiseptic substance or covered with wall paper in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, and by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than two hundred dollars for a second or subsequent offense, and the costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall be confined in the county jail until such fine and costs shall be paid; but such confinement shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

181 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 8th, 1906.

Mr. J. R. McKinney, Richmond, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I did not hear from Mr. Bales till this afternoon about my cattle. He is not willing to give my price without they are fed corn.

I write, therefore, to say that if you will give five cents a pound for all of them and take them by the third week, that is, ~~about~~ by the 20th of October, you can have them.

I shall be obliged to go to Warren, Ohio, for a week tomorrow, so if you accept my terms, please let Warfield Bennett know, or drop me a line at Lexington, which I will receive on my return.

Respectfully yours,

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Warren, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have looked up the matter of Kentucky's pledge for Oregon and find that your assessment was \$84.90. \$50.20 of this has been paid, as you will see by the little statement enclosed. I will now add to this the \$14.50 for which I herewith enclose receipt.

When I left the office yesterday afternoon I fully expected to return to say my Goodbyes to Miss Shaw and you. However, I found that it was best for us to go to the end of the line to take the car and Mrs. Kelley was late getting back to her room, so I did not go back to the office. I went with Mrs. Kelley and Miss Blackwell to Youngstown and saw them safely started. Mrs. Kelley wanted me to say to you all that she hoped you did not think she was lacking in courtesy because she did not come into the Headquarters for a little final visit. Miss Phoebe Sutliff came to see her about a Child Labor Committee which Miss Sutliff has recently organized here and they spent the time in talking about that. I promised Mrs. Kelley that I would say Goodbye to you all for her.

With love and all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

EJH-J.

Elizabeth J. Houser

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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. J. D. Smith, Jr., Paducah, Ky.

Treasurer of Paducah E.R.A.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

I suppose ere this your E.R.A. has heard from the State treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard, 31 E. 12th St., Covington, asking for the dues of 1906, and telling you that the state convention is to be held in Ashland the 21st and 22nd of November. Perhaps she did not mention that the delegates will be entertained by the Ashland E.R.A., and that they are expected to arrive the 20th, so as to be ready for the convention next morning.

I trust the Paducah Association will be represented; and as soon as you know who are going, please write to Mrs. A. M. Glenn, Ashland, mentioning the day and train on which they are to arrive.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw is to be the evening speaker both days; and we hope to have instructive and interesting day programs. Now we must all try to make this one of the most successful conventions in our history. We all ought to have a good membership to report. For this purpose some of our clubs have adopted a plan which I think so good that I am passing it on to you. It is this:- A meeting is called to attend to the business preparatory to the convention; at the meeting each member is requested to promise to ask an acquaintance to join and if successful, to collect the dues at once. Another meeting is called for a week later at which a report is made of the success of the plan. In the meanwhile the officers call on the members who were absent, to collect their dues, and to ask them also to secure a new member; that is, to ask a friend to join. For you observe, that no one promises to obtain a new member, - only to ask a friend to join. This

simple method will often bring into membership persons whom we probably did not think were at all interested; for our cause has grown wonderfully in popular sentiment during the last few years. Have you read Mrs. I.H. Harper's article on Woman Suffrage-a Right, in the North American Review of Sept. 21st? If not, you will find it very interesting; and also the editorial endorsement of woman suffrage in the issue of Oct. 5th.

Please say to the secretary or president of your E.R.A. that a written report of a few lines is expected from each club of the year's record; stating the number of members, new members, papers taken, literature distributed, meetings held, and any other point of interest which has occurred since the last convention. If you try the plan for increasing membership I have mentioned, I hope the proportion of those who asked a friend and succeeded will be reported for the instruction of the convention; for we all feel the necessity of ranging a greater number of our sympathizers so their influence may be brought to bear for our success.

I shall be glad to hear from you on receipt of this letter, so that I may know that your E.R.A. will make an effort to be represented at the convention by delegates; or at least, by the payment of dues and a written report.

Hoping for a prompt reply, and that I may see you at the convention, I am

Very truly yours,

P.S. Did you observe the fine suffrage resolution passed by the Ky. Grange at its convention in Lexington recently?

Manchester, Ky. Oct. 17th
1906

Dear Miss Clay

Your letter was forwarded to me here, and I did not receive it - until today as we are seven miles from town and do not go every day.

As you got no telegram I hope that you supposed that "silence gave consent", as I feel sure that the ladies are so anxious to have Miss Shaw that they will be satisfied with the date selected.

I do not know what to say about her speaking in Catlettsburg, but think that it might be well if the association there will arrange for the meeting, and will have it

Wednesday evening. I have written to Mrs. Bagley (our president) and Mrs. Eifort - to find out about that.

I expect to go home the latter part of this month or the second week of next and will do all that I can to make the meeting a success, and I believe that the others will too and that many who are not members of our association will help us to entertain the delegates and hope that there will be a large increase in numbers as a result of the convention.

Has Miss Shaw any cards or posters with her picture on them for display in stores &c, and if so where can we get them?

Please give me any suggestions as to arrangements for the convention which you think may be helpful to us.
yours truly Laura B. White

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 17th, 1906.

Mrs. Claudia C. Murphy,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your recent letter; and I feel interest in the subject of home sanitation. However, I am not in an official position to bring the subject before our Woman's club in this city; and my time is so occupied with suffrage work that under any circumstances I could not undertake to press the subject.

I should be glad to see data you have collected; and if you would like to send them to me, knowing I have not much time to devote to the subject, I would be an appreciative reader, and might be able to bring the subject to the attention of other club women.

Very truly yours, *Laura Clay*

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 17th, 1906.

My dear Miss Laura,

I wrote to you briefly from Warren, Ohio, telling you that Miss Shaw could give us the dates of Nov. 21 and 22 for our convention! As she received no telegram from you, I take it for granted that those dates suit our Ashland friends; and now we must turn our attention to the details of the convention.

On my return trip from Warren I stopped in Cincinnati and had a conference with Messrs. Roebuck, McLaughlin and Shepard. We discussed what we should have for the program. It was decided that I should give the president's annual address on the afternoon of the first day, so as to leave the evening uninterrupted to Miss Shaw.

I was instructed to ask the Ashland E.R.A. if its members would prepare any papers on any subject they would like to have a hearing at that time. We have lately found that business discussions took up so much time that we had not much left for papers; but still we feel that some add interest and variety to the program; and I hope that one or two will be prepared by friends in Ashland or Cattleburg. Please let me have your views about a suitable program as soon as possible. You understand that the papers I speak of are not intended to take the place of reports from Ashland and Cattleburg. We expect a brief report from every auxiliary; one as full as may be required to report the progress of the club and any line of thought it wishes to present to the convention; and this may be given verbally. Then we desire a report made out from it and reduced to a very few written lines, to be printed in the annual minutes, where we must economize

space on account of the expense of printing.

Next, I cannot urge too strenuously the importance of collecting the dues from all present members, and of getting new ones, if possible. The National Asso. has at last aroused a healthy spirit of progress along this line; and the Ky. method, so called, is attracting much attention for its simplicity and effectiveness. Of course, the absence of the president practically for two years from the state is a very severe test of our method, but I believe it can stand even such a test, if our locals will diligently endeavor to do their best under the circumstances.

Of course, you will elect delegates regularly to represent your E.R.A. The basis of representation is one for every ten paid-up members, and one delegate-at-large. These only are entitled to vote on all questions brought up; but it is our custom to extend the privileges of the floor to all members of the KY.E.R.A. who may be present, so they can join in the discussions though they may not vote.

We would like you to secure some ministers to open the evening meetings with a short invocation. We will call upon our own members to do so at other sessions. If you could have a good, short musical program for the evenings, it is usually much enjoyed and adds to the pleasure; but you need not feel burdened to do this.

Do you wish to have the programs printed in Ashland ^{or} and do you prefer that we shall have it done elsewhere? It is the habit of the State E. R.A. to pay for this printing; and for the speaker of the evening. And it has been the custom of the inviting Asso. to pay for the hall, advertising, etc. Please let me know if it will be convenient for your Asso. to do this. In the evenings it is usual to take a collection for incidental expenses. In addition, I think it ought always to be the custom to ask for new members. You should have local committees appointed and instructed carefully in a method of procedure for both of these before the time of the convention, if possible.

Oct 17, 1906

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I believe it will be impracticable for the most of the delegates to reach Ashland on the morning of the 21st in time to be ready for the calling of the convention; and our constitution calls for a meeting of the Plan of Work and Ex. Committees before the convention. Therefore, I hope it will be convenient for the friends who entertain the delegates to have them come on the afternoon of the 20th. Please let me hear from you on this point, as I am now going to write to all the auxiliaries. I think we can have the final Ex. Com. meeting the second afternoon, so all the members will be at liberty to go as soon as the convention is over.

Miss Shaw speaks in Baltimore the evening of the 19th, and can then start immediately for Ky. I do not know how long it will take her en route; and it has occurred to me that if it is desirable, Ashland and Cattlettsburg might have her for an evening before or after the convention. I did not question her about this; but if it is desired, she might be written to. I did not ask her, as I thought two evenings might be all that could be used successfully; and for those two we have engaged her.

I hope to hear from you promptly, and if you have any suggestions to make, I shall be very grateful for them.

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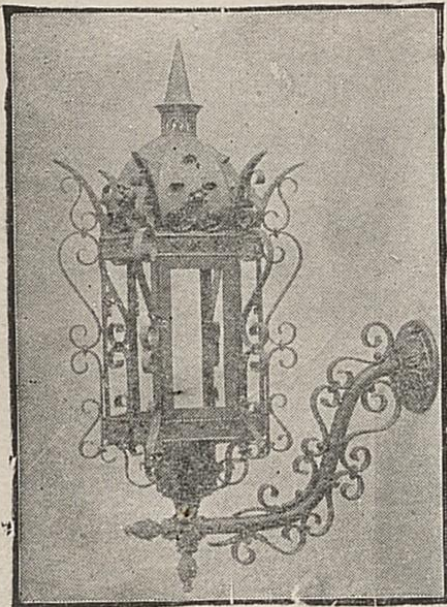
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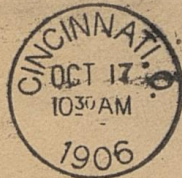
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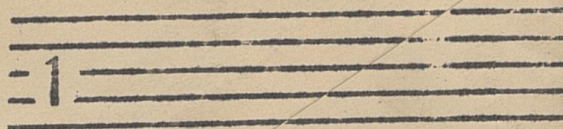
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181 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 19th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Hubbard,

I am glad to be back in old Kentucky, and at work on the preliminaries of our annual convention of the Ky. E. R. A. We have been invited by the Ashland E. R. A., with the dates of November 21 and 22. Rev. Anna H. Shaw is to be the speaker both evenings; and we hope to have also an instructive day program. Now it behooves all the locals to collect dues, send a written report of the year and delegates, and try to make this the most successful convention of our history.

I wrote to you several times while you were abroad, and felt great solicitude when I got no reply. So I was very glad when I heard from Mrs. Roebuck of your whereabouts, and that your little association did its part faithfully at the Newport convention. I am confident we will hear from it this time; and I hope you will be able to attend the convention.

What would you advise about our E. R. A. at Arlington? The last time I heard from Mrs. McConnell she was quite dissipated by sickness in the family and other discouragements. I would like to retain that faithful little club on our active list, if possible; and if you advise it, I will write to it about this convention. You know it is our rule to let each year take care of itself; and because a club falls out one year it is no reason that it should not report the next, if circumstances are more propitious.

I wish to thank you for the generous contribution you made to Ky's assessment for the Oregon campaign. I know you are always liberal and always do your part to keeping up the credit for zeal of the Ky. E. R. A.

Hoping to hear promptly from you and to see you at the convention,
I am cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 18th, 1906.

My dear Miss Hauser,

I reached home after an agreeable trip, stopping over one night at Cinn., to make some purchases for my house.

I thank you for your letter, containing the resolution and the account of the status of the Oregon Assessment for Ky.

I enclose the receipt for the \$14.50; but please observe and so post it on your books that the money was for expenses incurred for the meeting for Mrs. Mary C.C. Bradford, in Salem, in arrangements I made at Miss Shaw's request, and for which I advanced the money for payment. No part of the money was used for any expense of mine, and I desire that it should appear clearly on the books.

I send my expenses to Warren, which need not be paid till convenient, as I do not need the money; I charge only the tickets to and from Warren, as I should have had to make the trip to Cinn. on my own business.

Ticket to Warren from Cinn.	-----	\$5.75
Sleeper" " " "	-----	2.00
Ticket from Warren to Cinn.	-----	5.75
		<u>13.50.</u>

Give my love to all in the office. I shall be very busy now till after our state convention on the 21st & 22nd of Nov .

Cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 19th, 1906.

Mrs. F. H. Bradbury,

1448 Sec. St., Louisville.

Dear Mrs. Bradbury,

Perhaps you know that I spent a year in Oregon, assisting in the Suffrage campaign there. This has caused me to fail in keeping up with the changes in the official list of some of our E. R. A. associations; though I know that Mrs. White and Miss Miller are no longer residing in Louisville. I am now writing to you to notify your club that the annual convention of the Ky. E. R. A. is to be held in Ashland on the 21st and 22nd of November. Rev. Anna H. Shaw is to be the speaker both evenings; and we hope to have an instructive day program. We have received a cordial invitation from the Ashland E. R. A. to entertain the delegates; and now the duty of all the auxiliaries is to strive to report the largest number possible of paid-up members and to send delegates to bring back the inspiration and enthusiasm of what we hope will be one of our best conventions.

We expect a report of whatever your club may have accomplished during the year; with any suggestions for improvement in work or methods or on any other point upon which your club desires to speak to the convention. This report may be written or given verbally to the convention without any special limit of time. For the printed minutes, however, we require a brief written synopsis, as we must economize in printing.

I trust your club will make a strong effort to secure the dues from all the members and from as many new ones as possible. The National

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Association has at last roused its friends to a realization of the need of increase of membership; and our method of making the duty of organization the payment of dues and giving the name has attracted a good deal of attention, as by it we have succeeded in continuously increasing our numbers. The fact that the president has been practically absent from the state for nearly two years puts our method to a very severe test this time, but I believe it will stand it if every local tries loyally to do what it can to prove its efficiency. If every member was reminded what an influence for strength and cheer the report of strong organizations was to every part of the country I am sure there would be few indeed who would not gladly contribute by paying the annual dues.

Kindly let me hear from you on receipt of this letter, telling me who the officers now are; and what you judge the club can do about sending a report. Of course, you can not give accurate information till you have time to talk with other members; but I would like to have a few lines at once, to know what you think of the prospect.

Very cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 19th, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Franceway,

I am glad to be back in old Kentucky, and to be busy with the preliminaries of the annual convention of the Ky. E. R. A. We have accepted the invitation of the Ashland E. R. A., and will meet there the 21st and 22nd of November. Rev. Alma H. Shaw is to be the speaker for both evenings; and we hope to have also an instructive day program. Now all the local clubs should turn their attention to doing their part to making this one of the most successful conventions of our history.

First, the dues of all the present members should be collected, and new members added, if possible. The National has at last aroused the attention of its auxiliaries to the importance of increase of membership, and the method of Ky., in requiring only the payment of dues and giving the name as the obligation of membership has attracted much favorable comment. The absence of the president from the state for practically nearly two years puts this method to a severe test this time; but I believe it will stand the test if our locals can be impressed with the encouragement and cheer it carries to all our sympathizers when a state shows itself growing in numbers and influence. I feel sure, when this is realized, very few suffragists will object to paying the annual dues which testify to their interest in this good cause.

Second, a report should be written of what has been done during the year, suggestions of new methods of work, and suggestions about any subject the club wishes to be brought before the convention. This report may be written or given verbally, without any particular limitation as to time. From it

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a very brief synopsis should be written for the printed minutes, where we are obliged to economize in printing matter.

Third, an effort should be made to have the club represented by its quota of delegates, on the basis of one delegate-at-large, and one for each ten paid-up members.

I should be glad to have a few lines from you as soon as you receive this, to let me know your E.R.A. will do its share in the convention, even if you cannot tell exactly the particulars till you talk with the members.

I am anxious to have a partial report as soon as possible.

Hoping to hear from you promptly, and to see you at the convention,

I am very cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 20th, 1906.

Mrs. A. M. Glenn, Sec'y Ashland E. R. A.,

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Glenn,

I wrote to Miss Laura White in regard to the dates of the Ky. E. R. A. convention before I recollected that she had written me she would be in the mountains at this time. Very likely she will forward my letters to you; but for fear of delay I will repeat the substance of them.

In the first place, I wish to express the thanks of the Ex. Committee for the cordial invitation to hold the convention in Ashland. We have long wished to bring our convention to that part of the state; and we feel that this is a very auspicious opportunity to do so.

I met Rev. Anna H. Shaw in Warren, Ohio, last week, and she agreed to give us November 21st and 22nd. She is to speak in Baltimore the 19th, and then can come at once to Ky; and therefore will probably arrive sometime on the 20th, though as I had no time-table, I have not ascertained this.

I think it will be impracticable for the delegates to arrive in the morning of the 21st in time for the opening of the convention; and our constitution calls for a meeting of the Plan of Work and Ex. Committees before the convention. Therefore I hope it will be convenient for the friends who entertain the delegates to have them come on the afternoon of the 20th thus making the stay of the delegates three nights and two days. Please let me hear from you on this point, as I am going to write to all the auxiliaries.

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I have been instructed by the Ex.Com. to ask if any of your members will prepare papers on any subject they may select to be given at the convention. The business discussions take up so much time that we have not much left for papers; but we think one or two add interest to the program; and I hope some will be prepared by friends in Ashland or Cattlettsburg. I will give the annual address in the first afternoon, leaving the evenings free for Miss Shaw.

I strongly urge collecting the dues from all present members and adding some new ones, if possible. I wish your E.R.A. might do something to revive interest in the Cattlettsburg members. Of course, you will elect delegates to represent your club; the basis of representation is one delegate-at-large, and one for each ten paid up members. In addition to these, all members of the association who are present are usually invited to the courtesies of the floor, though only the selected delegates are entitled to vote.

We would like you to secure some ministers to open the evening meetings with a short invocation; we will call upon members of the convention to do so at the day meetings.

If you could arrange a good, short musical program for the evenings it would add an agreeable feature.

Do you wish the programs printed in Ashland or do you prefer that we shall have them done elsewhere? It is our custom to have the state pay for printing these; and the fee of the speaker of the evenings. And the inviting club contributes the hall and advertising the convention locally. Please let me know if it will be convenient for your Association to do so. In the evenings it is usual to take a collection for incidental expenses.

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upon and also asked to join in the plan for each getting a new member. I hope you E.R.A. will try this plan and make a report of how it works, for the instruction of the convention.

WELCOMING ADDRESSES. Yes, it is suitable to have welcoming addresses made by prominent citizens and organizations, though we do not often have it done. It would be suitable to devote a short time to that on the first evening, - that is, on Wednesday evening, before Miss Shaw commences her address.

Mrs. Glenn's letter tells me of what has been decided about the programs and the remaining points of your letter; and I shall write to her this morning.

Hoping you will soon be in Ashland, and that the convention will repay you for all your effort in the good it brings, I am

Very cordially yours,

Manchester, Ky, Oct 21st 1906

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letters were forwarded to me here, and I sent the first to our president and will send this one from Lexington, which is just received, as I will probably be unable to reach home before the 26th or possibly later.

I wrote Mrs. Bagley that you would take it for granted that the dates would suit us as I did not reply, and while we would prefer another day instead of Wednesday we will do our best to make Wednesday better than any other day.

I have wondered if it would not be better to have Miss Shaw preach Wednesday night instead of lecture, either at Catlettsburg or Ashland; say Catlettsburg, and as many Ashland ladies as possible go up.

It seems to me that the "Kuf all you have, and get what you can," spirit of the age is the

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age is the greatest obstacle to Woman Suffrage now, and a good sermon showing that we can not be unjust to others without injury to our selves, by Miss Shaw, would do quite as much good as any lecture, and could not seem to be in opposition to the prayer meeting, and those who would feel that they must not stay away from prayer meeting for a lecture, would go to hear Miss Shaw preach.

If she could leave Baltimore ^{Monday} ~~Tuesday~~ night and reach Catlettsburg or Ashland ^{Tuesday} ~~Wednesday~~ morning and speak in Catlettsburg ^{Tuesday} night and preach ^{Wednesday} night in Ashland and speak there ^{Thursday} night, it might be best; but I think it would rush her very much to catch the train which leaves Washington at about eleven P.M. I think, so I do not think it best to try it, and we will be satisfied with the two nights, letting Catlettsburg have one of them, and either

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a lecture or a sermon as you and Miss Shaw think best.

I think that there is quite a strong W.C.T.U. at Portsmouth, O. and they might be very glad to engage Miss Shaw for a lecture the 23rd. Mrs. Eifort is acquainted there and could let them know that she is coming to Ashland, and that they can possibly get her. or our W.C.T.U. might do so but I can tell better after I reach Ashland.

Do you know what she charges per evening?

As to entertaining the delegates, I think that it will be necessary for them to come the 20th at least most of them, and we will expect them then. Most of the ladies who are members of the Ashland E.P.W. do their own work, so I think it will be best for us not to attempt to have dinner in our own homes, but provide for all in the church or hall where we have the meetings.

Do you think a church or the Opera House would be best? I do not know that we can

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get a church, and the Opera House costs ten dollars per night; but possibly we could get it for two days and nights, and the use of Banquet Hall for dinners, for \$25⁰⁰ and if we can I believe that will be best, if Miss Shaw speaks both evenings at Ashland; but if she speaks one evening at Catlettburg, as I think the ladies there will want her to, we could probably get the Banquet Hall two days and Opera House one night - for fifteen, and I think that would do very well if we can not get one of the large churches, with use of dishes &c. There is a platform in Banquet Hall, and it is frequently used by political speakers. and the Opera House is used for public school entertainments where large audiences are expected. The Opera House, and Banquet Hall are on the same floor of same building. and I think we can arrange to get them or a church - and I think we can get ministers to open the evening meetings, and can also have good music. We will do what we can in that respect.

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I do not wish to prepare a paper, and I believe none of the other members will, but one of the Cutlettsburg ladies might. I will write you about that later.

Who makes the report? Does the secretary or the delegate at large or another delegate? Or does the Secretary write the report and send it to the State Secretary to read?

You say it may be given verbally, so one of the delegates must do it - I suppose, but I have never attended one of the state meetings, and had not thought of that.

Now as to collecting the dues. I expected to return home sooner but will do the best that I can when I get there, and will write the secretary and ask her to do what she can before I go, and I hope to get more names and am counting largely on those who are friendly to the movement - but are not members to assist in entertaining the delegates.

I do not know what to say about printing the programs. It can be well done there.

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and probably as cheap as you can have it done elsewhere, but I do not know.

Has Miss Shaw her portrait with title of lecture ready printed that we could have for display in stores &c.?

If I were in Ashland Mrs. Eifort could probably tell me what the advertising would cost, but I do not know and it is impossible to tell what success we will have in getting the people interested; but if they come out as I think they will, I feel sure that we can pay by subscription and collections for hall, printing, &c. If our members have it all to do it will be more than they well can do, but I believe that others will help us, and we are so thankful for Miss Shaw, that we will do our best.

Do you have the convention welcomed by Mayor, County Judge, and literary clubs when it is possible. I do not know but

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they might. and it would help to bring the people out more than for one of us to have a paper.

I know that the National is welcomed by Governors, Mayors &c, but do not know the custom in State Conventions.

Please tell me any thing that you think of that - we might - fail to do, as I am very thoughtless but very energetic in doing what needs to be done when it is suggested.

I think you can address me at Oakland now as I want to go this week, but any thing very important - write to Mrs. W. H. Pagley Cor. Greenup Ave & 20th St. She is the president. I will try to let you know when I start.

Trusting that the Convention will be a success, I remain

Yours truly

Laura R White

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I am glad you suggest having a luncheon at the
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delegates. We did that when we had the convention in Lexington, and were
much pleased with the arrangement. We had a simple meal, with no ice or any
thing which required a change of plates. This afforded a social hour for
the delegates and their hosts together, and was much enjoyed, as well as
being a great relief to the housekeepers.
I have received your letter and am glad
to know that you are, or soon will be, in Ashland.

I will answer the points in your letter under separate heads.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT. I rather regret that Miss Shaw had to come on Wednesday
night; but I believe there is such a cordial feeling between the ministers
and the Y. I. C. A. that there will be little difficulty, if they are asked
in time, to have them hold their prayer meeting earlier and short enough
to permit the congregations to go to hear Miss Shaw on Wednesday evening
without feeling that we are interfering with their regular church meeting.
I do not know that Miss Shaw has a sermon on the topic you mention; but
if you think it would be much better, you might write to her about it. The
trouble about changing any arrangement now is, that she is travelling all
the time and we are liable not to reach her in time to complete any other
plan.

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES. I note that you expect the delegates to arrive on
the 20th, at which I am pleased; I will mention it in my letters to the
clubs.

LUNCHEON AT HALL. I am very glad you suggest having a luncheon at the
hall instead of dinners at the homes of the friends who entertain the
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CHURCH OR OPERA HOUSE. Frequently a church is lent for our convention; but as our Association has a political object, though strictly non-partisan, sometimes some members of the church object to its being lent; and to avoid friction, it may be best to decide on the Opera House or some other hall. I think you can decide that best for yourself, after making inquiries how the feeling is among the church members.

LECTURE AT CATTLETTSBURG. I think it would be too great an effort for Miss Shaw to arrive in time to speak on Tuesday night, either in Ashland or Cattlettsburg; but she might speak there one of the nights we have engaged, or they might make an arrangement to have her stay to speak Friday night. We pay her \$45.00 and part of her travelling expenses for the two nights; and I think she would speak another night for \$20.00. If you should decide to ask her for that night, write at once to Miss Lucy T. Anthony, 7443 Devon St., Mt. Airy, Phil., Penn. for her terms and to make the engagement.

CLUB REPORT. It is usual for the president or secretary to write the report, and to select one of the delegates to read it and add verbally any thing more she likes at the convention. I suppose you will elect your officers as delegates with the others. All members will have the privileges of the floor, but not that of voting.

COLLECTING THE DUES. I have just received a letter from Mrs. Glenn, in which she says they have called a meeting on the 30th for the purpose of collecting the dues and doing other business. The Richmond B. R. A. is going to pursue a plan I highly recommend. They are going to have a meeting at which they will collect as many dues as possible. Then each member is expected to promise to ask a friend to join; and to collect the dues of the friend. Then the next week another meeting will be held at which each one will report her success in getting a new member. At one or the other of these meetings the delegates will be elected. You can not depend upon these meetings to collect all the dues; but those who are nit there should be called

Louisville, Oct 21st, 1906

My Dear Miss Kay

I am sorry to tell you that I know nothing whatever of members, nor meeting of the E. R. A. The last meeting I was unable to attend & did not even know Miss Miller was not here any more. I have not been well for some time, & hence unable to attend meetings. My mother is very ill or I might be able to hunt up some one who knows.

Hoping you know some one I remain sincerely
M. H. Bradbury. *ms*

From what I gathered from
the last meeting I attended
over a year ago. I think there
is not much prospect of any-
thing from this club.

Mrs. Avery was here then
and tried to urge them into
activity but only three other
ladies besides her & I were there.
No dues have been collected
lately, for nearly a year, of me.

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My dear Miss Clay:

It was a great disappointment to me to find a private interview with you impossible. For two years I have felt it my duty to resign as Treasurer - duty for many reasons.

I do not feel that I have time to attend to the office carefully and am away from home more frequently than in past years so do often not get mail promptly. I must be in town the week of the first Wednesday in the month as I am treasurer of the Old Ladies Home - so transact all business the week of our Board meeting. One of the members attends to business for me August - so that I can go away between July & Sept. meetings. I regret for many reasons to give ^{up} this little support work that I do, but will promise to try.

to hold the Newton E. R. Ass'n in line,
 so far as dues are concerned.)

I do not, of course, know whom you
 would prefer for the office - but would
 suggest Mrs. Roebuck - who attended
 to the business for me during last con-
 vention in my absence in California.
 Every item was so carefully accounted
 and everything attended with system
 and in business-like manner; then
 having been secretary Mrs. R. is familiar
 with members and various Ass'ns.

I have no wish to presume in this
 matter of suggesting my successor,
 but seek to help you in your selection
 by my experience. Last year - I would
 have resigned had you been at the
 convention but would not do so during
 your absence and without consulting
 you. I learned at the Lexington Convention
 that the Inverness Cent. Club - had determined
 upon my successor and although I had
 gone up there intending to resign - I held
 on when I learned of this movement

without mentioning the matter to you, not desiring to annoy you during the Convention and upon short notice. Last year Mrs. McLaughlin told or announced that "I must go" as I was "not an active member" and she thought that I was not really interested in the suffrage question anyway. I was amused at this as I have been a 'servant in the cause' some years longer than she has been a member of the suffrage Ass'n so really did not care for anything Mrs. McLaughlin might say. Later I learned that this Twentieth Cent. Ass'n was determined as the politicians say - to "land the job" under the above leadership. So I went to California leaving my name as a candidate because I did not want my successor named during your absence. Of course you may have some one in view in Richmond - Lex. I believe has full representation on the official board - or perhaps it would be a good policy to place the office in Louisville or Ashland; but you will know best. With this feeling in the Ass'n I do not think I ought to continue in office.

I have written to all Ass'ns except ~~Lexington~~ Lexington and Newport (where I knew the dues would be well looked after by you & Mrs. Roebuck and information given by Convention) telling them of Convention dates & place and of Miss Shaw's coming for two nights - and urged every one to send delegates. I have no address for Cattlettsburg so could not write there.

Enclose a statement - I do not remember just what I wrote you last February, but know one thing was about giving Mrs. Roebuck the eight-dollars that remained of the free-will offering for 1905 as Mrs R had to do all of the Corresponding Secretary's work for the Convention which she did under many difficulties and without a murmur and I thought she ought to have this remaining amount - of course I could not mention in her presence at the hotel. In writing to the various Ass'ns I did not mention entertainment

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as I do not know whether we are to be entertained or ~~board~~ pay our board at hotel or elsewhere - please tell me this as some one may inquire.

I well know that you will have Convention 'on the brain' from now until Nov. 23rd and perhaps a while after. Trust you reached home in safety and are quite rested by this time.

Sincerely yours

A. Shepard

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Cincinnati, O. October 22, 1906

Laura Clay,
Leopoldville, Ky.
Dear madam:-

Kindly advise us by return
mail if you desire the finish of your fixtures
the same as shown in our sales-room which
is matt gold or the dull finish which we
call Brush Brass.

Trusting you will favor us with
an early reply we beg to remain-

yours truly
People's Gas Fixture Co.
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181 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 23rd, 1906.

Peoples' Gas Fixture Co.,

Cincinnati, O.

Gentlemen,

I wish my fixtures finished in the brush brass finish.

Your letter telling me how to measure for the fixtures came after I had sent the measures. I had taken them according to your directions, except that I had not deducted one-half inch on the drops for the caps. Please make this deduction from the measurements I sent.

Respectfully yours,

Oct 23, 1906

Mrs. Sweet has written me that Mrs. Catt
sailed for home October 20, S. S. Zeeland,
Red Star Line.

State Motto: Standing, Having Done all Stand.

National Motto: For God and Home and Every Land.

President,
Mrs. Agnes L. Eifort, Ashland.
Vice President,
Mrs. J. H. Foster, - Ashland.
Secretary,
Mrs. A. H. Peers, - Ashland.
Treasurer,
Mrs. M. L. Jackson, Catlettsburg.

Boyd County, Kentucky,

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Motto: Be ye Doers of the Word, and Not Hearers Only.

Badge—A Bow of White Ribbon.

Watchwords—Agitate, Educate, Organize.

Time of Prayer—Noontide.

Methods—Preventive, Evangelistic, Social and Legal.

Ashland, Ky., Oct. 24 1906

Dear Miss Clay,

We are writing to Miss White^{and} consulting with each other about the convention. It is unfortunate that she is not here, as she's our stand by. I hope she'll come soon. Mrs. Bagley will write you, but she may not think of some things, so I'll write too.

If the convention opens Wed. A. M. I suppose we'll have the welcome address then. We doubt getting a minister, and as Wed. night is prayer meeting night, we may not get one then, but may get a man.

I hope you'll persuade Miss Belle Bennett to be here if she is at home. I know of no woman who would have as much influence as she. Put her on the pro-
gram if you can.

When the collection is taken, does it go to the state fund, or local? You see, this is new business and we want to know all about it. There is a little hall we can get, seat 300 I should suppose, but Miss White thinks we'd better have the Opera house.

When must you have positive information about all these things so as to get programs out? Set a date and we'll conform to your rulings. We think if we could have Miss Shaw for a temperance talk first, ~~it~~ under the auspices of the N. C. Y. W. more people would come and it would advertise her better than in any other way.

~~If~~ ^{ask} you favor this, please write ~~for~~ ^{ask} what it would cost us. We'd ask the ministers then to shorten the prayer meeting which they would probably do for a

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temperance meeting. We could have her speak in a church. Then if it suits you, you could open the convention on Thurs. A. M. & hold on Thurs. & Fri. If you could not keep Miss Shaw over for Fri. night, we might go to Catlettburg and have you speak for us there on that night.

There are only my own suggestions and you may know from experience whether or not the carrying out would be profitable. What I want - most of all - is to get people to hear Miss Shaw, and we realize that there is a strong prejudice against this cause. One of our strongest members said only yesterday that she says very little herself on the subject, because she fears it does more harm than good.

I do not often send out such untidy letters, but have had to stop so many times on account of household duties that I've not been as careful as I might otherwise have been.

I suppose the local auxiliaries will send delegates names as soon as they are elected. Have you any idea how many there will be?

Yours for service

[Mrs.] Agnes L. Eiford

Ashland,

Stonewall,

Ky.

Ashland, Ky., Oct 25th 1906.

Dear Miss Clay.

Yours of the 20th was received, and as soon as I called on the President, and some of the members, have hastened to reply - Miss White had forwarded your communication with her, to the President, and she was planning for a meeting of the members -

I am requested to say - that we will have a meeting the 30th and collect dues from all members, and add some new ones if possible - elect our delegates - &c -

We shall make an effort to revive some interest in the Battlettsburg members - And have decided to ask you to have the programs printed -

We will furnish the hall, entertain the delegates - and advertise the Convention locally.

Think we can have a paper or two

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propose - a minister to open the evening meetings - and also a musical program for the evening meetings.

Will you please let us know the exact time Miss Shaw will get here - and how many delegates will be expected.

Very truly yours.

Wm. A. M. Glenn.

Sec'y

Ashland E. R. A.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 26th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Bifort,

I was glad to get your letter of the 24th inst; and I write regarding your suggestions under heads.

WELCOME ADDRESS. I think it not best to have a welcoming address in the morning. We commence our convention on Tuesday afternoon, with the Executive Committee meeting. This should be at a private house, as none except the General Officers attend. Next morning, say from nine to ten o'clock, the Plan of Work Committee meets, preferably at the hall. Then the convention proper opens, with a short devotional service, conducted by some member of the convention. In the evening, welcoming addresses and a musical program might take a short portion of the evening, with Miss Shaw for the principal speaker. The next day will be filled with the business of the convention, and Miss Shaw will occupy the whole of the evening. You see we shall not need a minister for the invocation till the evening; and if your ministers are like those we find elsewhere, you have some very much in sympathy with our cause.

Miss Bennett. I should be delighted to have Miss Bennett on the program and shall extend her the invitation. However, she has so much serious illness in her family I have little hope of her accepting, notwithstanding the fact that she is a staunch member of the E.R.A.

THE COLLECTION. It has been our habit to let the inviting club take up the collections for local expenses; and we expect to follow this rule in Ashland. I hope you will combine taking the collection with a carefully planned invitation for new members. Sometimes a silver offering is taken at the door, and then new members are asked for at the close of the meeting.

Or perhaps you would prefer to take up the collection in the usual way and have ladies stationed at the doors with pencils and paper to take the names of new members as they pass out. Arrange this to suit yourselves; but try to have both done. A little training of those who undertake these duties will greatly facilitate the process.

TIME TO PRINT PROGRAMS. This will require only a few days; and if you send me the names, etc., you wish on it, I could have them done on a week's notice in time to have them returned to you in time to send to persons you may desire to mail them to.

TEMPERANCE TALK FROM MISS SHAW. I do not think it expedient to have Miss Shaw speak on temperance till after our convention is closed. Every body knows there is a temperance side to Equal Suffrage; what we need to instruct them upon is the other aspects of our question. Besides, I think two evenings very desirable for full understanding of our position. Perhaps the W. C. T. U. could get Miss Shaw to remain after the convention for a lecture. In case you desire that write to Miss Lucy F. Anthony, to the address of Miss Shaw given on this letter head. Miss Anthony is her secretary.

DELEGATES. I will keep your W. R. A. informed of the delegates who are coming as rapidly as I learn of them. I have written on some other points to Mrs. Glenn.

Hoping to hear from you concerning any other points on which you wish to consult me, I am

Very cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct .26th, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Glenn,

Your very satisfactory letter was received this morning. I have just answered a letter from Miss White, who writes saying she will be in Ashland within a few days, and she asks certain information on various points. As she may not see you for a few days I have thought you might like to see my answer to her sooner, and so I am enclosing a copy. I would like for you to notice the plan of the Richmond E.R.A. to secure new members. You observe the old members do not promise to secure a new member, but only to ask some one to join. You may be surprised to find how often a simple invitation is accepted, perhaps by some you did not think cared for the cause.

I note that you wish the programs printed elsewhere.

I am gratified that you can add the features to the program for which I asked.

I am unable to say exactly when Miss Shaw will arrive; but she usually writes a few days in advance when to expect her.

As yet, I can not answer definitely how many delegates to expect. I am counting certainly upon the General officers, - Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. W.S. McLaughlin, from Covington, Mrs. I.H. Shepard, Mrs. Emma A. Roebuck, and two or three others from Covington and Newport, who will probably come on the boat which arrives Tuesday. Then from Richmond, in addition to Mrs. Clay, I think Mrs. Fard, Mrs. Ellen V. Gibson and Mrs. Buchanan will come. From Lexington I hope two or three will come, in addition to Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Alice Carpenter and myself. As fast as I know with certainty who will come I will notify you.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 27th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Shepard,

Your letter of the 21st arrived while I was in Richmond, and since my return I have been so busy with the state meeting of the Grange and pressing letters from our friends in Ashland and the necessary attention to my building that I have not been able to answer it.

I am truly sorry to know that we will have to give you up on our official board. I know from my own experience and from the compliments that are paid you by our visiting National officers that we have been very greatly favored in having your faithful services for the long years we have labored together. Surely you have done your share in bearing the "heat and burden of the day." I am very sorry there has been any one in the Association who has had so little appreciation of what you have done as to set on foot an opposition to your holding office. The circumstance you mention never was told to me; probably because every one knew how much I valued you. I realize that your other reasons for declining to stand for re-election are valid; if you had given only the reason of that opposition you mentioned I should insist that you should not regard it. But I know there is much work to be done in your line; and I feel that you are justified in consulting the calls that are made upon your time and strength by other philanthropies, after you have given so much to the cause of Equal Rights.

I note what you say about Mrs. Roebuck being elected in your place. It is an admirable suggestion; my only objection is that she makes such an excellent recording secretary that I do not know where to look to replace her. However, I know that your office is the more important, and I shall

favor her election. I wish you could make an equally valuable suggestion for a successor to her place .

Now that Mrs. Roark has returned to the state I do not think we could do better than to elect her again as Cor. Sec'y. While our new project of employing a state organizer will preclude our paying any salary to any officer, I am sure Mrs. Roark will be willing to give us the benefit of any ideas that occur to her, if she is not expected to do the labor incurred by carrying them out. I always thought her idea of a Woman's Council was worth all her salary; and she did much work in getting up the programs for the meetings, as she found all the speakers, etc. Hereafter our state organizer should do all such work. I say our organizer; for after further consideration I think we had better stick to the name with which we are all familiar. I fear we shall have difficulty in finding a suitable person for the place; but we must bend all our efforts to doing so.

There is one point about the new constitution I want your opinion; - Do you think it is best to keep open the Treasurer's books till Jan. 1st, and have them audited by an auditing committee in time to put the report in the printed minutes, as was done this year; or do you prefer the old plan? It struck me that your suggestion to the last convention was excellent, as we are always keeping the books open to receive the belated dues. I know our present by-law is most in accordance with parliamentary usage; but may it not be best for us to try a method more in accordance with our own requirements? Please give me your careful opinion on this point.

I note what you say about paying to Mrs. Roebuck the remainder of the free-will offering for Cor. Sec. of last year. If I had been at the last convention I should certainly have favored the motion. But it occurs to me that since a year has passed in which no salary was voted to the Sec., and as we are now going to do away with paying the Cor. Sec. so as to have something to pay the Organizer, it may not seem so appropriate. But I intend to be guided by you whether or not to present it to the Ex. Com. at Ashla

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Therefore be sure to state your final opinion in your next letter.

And now I will answer the points in your letter by heads.

Entertainment of delegates. Yes, the Ashland A.E.R.A will entertain the delegates; and they expect them to arrive on the 20th, in order to be ready ready for the convention on the morning of the 21st. Those expecting to go should write as soon as possible to Mrs.A.M.Glenn, 803 E.Carter Ave., Ashland, mentioning when they will come, and the time of the train, if possible.

We will not have railroad rates, as we cannot get them for less than fifty delegates. The Ashland club will provide hall and local advertising, also. The State will pay for printing programs and Miss Shaw. The collections will be given to Ashland E.R.A for convention expenses.

FREE)WILL OFFERINGS.I note that you have collected only four dollars of the free-will offerings promised at the last convention. I wish you would try to collect from all except the Fayette E.R.A., which I will undertake myself. They should all be paid up before the convention so as to commence straight next year. The \$25.00 I contributed for Press Sup't salary, I wish you would send at once to Mrs.Obenchain?. I think it does not require an order to pay out money specially donated.

My house is coming on slowly. I hope I may get into my flat by the 1st of December; and I shall not even try to do so before the convention. For I over head and ears in work to prepare for that, in addition to what other business I must attend to.

I have had some pleasant hours with the meetings of the State Grange, especially the time I spent with our good friends, Mr.And Mrs. Wolcott. I found there is a great deal of suffrage sentiment among the Grangers; and no doubt I would have found more had I been privileged to attend the busi-

ness sessions, which are conducted in secret.

When I was in Richmond they told me they intended to have a meeting of the B.R.A. called to discuss business of the convention; at that meeting they would ask each member to promise to ask a friend to join at once, and to collect the dues. Then a week later another meeting would be called to report on the success of that plan for getting new members. At once both of these meetings delegates would be elected to the convention.

The plan for getting an increase of members struck me as so fine that I am recommending it to other clubs. Richmond expects to have four or five delegates in attendance. They will not depend upon the meetings to bring out all the members, but the treasurer will call for the dues of all not there, and will take the opportunity to ask those who were absent also to try to get a new member.

I shall hope for a letter very soon in answer to what I have spoken of in this, and with any other suggestions you have for the revision of the constitution and for the good of the convention.

I shall depend upon your being at the convention, so as to see us have a good start on our new constitution.

Always cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 29th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

Wince I returned from Warren, and that I believe I have not written to you since. I have not yet acknowledged receipt of the check for \$5.00 which you returned to me of advance for postage. I saw the officers in Covington and Newport on my homeward way from Warren, and we talked about the convention to be held in Ashland the 21st and 22nd of November. Miss Shaw is to speak both evenings and we hope to have an instructive day program. The delegates will be entertained and are expected to arrive the 20th, so as to be ready for the convention next morning. We are not able to get R.R. rates, as we shall not have fifty delegates.

I wish very much you could be at the convention. We are going to revise the constitution this time, and we shall put into it that the expenses of the Press Sup't to and from the convention shall be paid out of the treasury, the same as those of the General officers. I am sure if you will come this time a vote to pay travelling expenses will be gladly voted.

Have you any suggestions to make about what should go into our constitution or by-laws?

I send by this mail a marked Herald, containing the Resolution of the State Grange, which met here last week.

When I was in Richmond I learned their plan for getting new members before the convention; and I was so pleased with it that I pass it on to you. They will call a meeting, at which they will ask each member

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to invite an acquaintance to join the E.F.A, and collect the dues, if accepted. In the meanwhile, the treasurer will call on the absent members for their dues, and ask each one of them to ask an acquaintance, also. A week later another meeting will be called to report progress on the plan. At these meetings, delegates to the convention will be elected, trying, of course, to get those who will attend. Can you try this plan in Bowling Green?

I got the financial report from Mrs. Shepard she promised to send me; and I find she has not sent but five dollars on your salary. I wrote and asked her to send \$25.00 more which had been subscribed for that purpose and paid in. Other free-will offerings have not yet been collected, I suppose because of the treasurer's absence; but I hope they will now be collected, and all that is due you may be paid before the new convention year.

I find I have a great deal of work for the convention, together with my building; so if I have omitted writing on any point, please remind me in your next letter. Wishing you may find it possible to attend the convention, I am

Very cordially yours,

P.S. Of course, you will send a report of Press work; the convention is always most interested in your reports, and they are about the only ones that are not cut down in the printed minutes.