

Charlisle N.Y.,

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1909

Dear Miss. Selay

Your note with  
petitions enclosed reached  
me this morning, and  
I am heartily sorry for  
my carelessness in the  
matter of fixing them, but  
in reading directions I  
must have done so very  
hurriedly and did the  
wrong thing, I would gladly  
undertake to get the names  
signed again if it were  
possible for me to, but as  
most of the names were  
signed in the county  
that side of my town, and  
as I am not well enough  
to attend to having it done

I am afraid I will have  
to return them to you with  
the hope you can use  
at least a part of them  
and that they may add  
a few links in a long  
chain which will eventually  
help in the cause -

Sincerely yours -

Mrs. Anna K. Potts  
Earlisle, Ky.

Nov 1, 1909

Early  
[Nov. 1909]

31 East Twelfth St.  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Gray:—

Am sure you are in  
Lexington by this time - Gray  
collecting? Mrs. Phil wrote  
me about arrangements at  
Galt House and I informed  
Mrs. Probeck - we go down  
Wednesday afternoon arriving  
6.40 P. M.

Mrs. Houston who has charge  
of meeting of Civic Dept of the

and, as President of the Club, I would  
be so much delighted to have this done  
through the Club. Mrs. Houston is not  
a suffragist - so you see her confidence  
in you discovers her admiration for you  
as a broad-minded woman.

Mrs. White wrote me of their arrangements  
which I think are most excellent - am sure  
she has written you the same.

Will see you Wednesday evening in Louisville  
if all goes right - in the meantime  
please advise me about Monday Nov. 15.

I hope you are well and looking  
as fresh, bright and well as when I  
saw you in Lexington.

Very Sincerely yours  
Shepard

Women's Club on Monday Nov. 15  
is very anxious to have you  
talk on "Woman's Responsibility  
as a Citizen" on that afternoon.  
As the American Civic Ass'n  
Convention will be in session that  
week in Cin. I thought it might  
be possible for you to come this  
way. The Club would pay  
your expenses to Covington from  
Louisville and you would be  
entertained. If you can do  
this will you let me know  
soon please. A little missionary  
work (suppage) might be done  
in this way.

# Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs

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Auditor,  
Miss LAURA CLAY, Lexington,  
189 W. Mill Street.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 2, 1909.

My Dear Miss Laura:-

Have you heard that the College Woman's Suffrage Club is to have Mrs. Snowden on the 15th? I have been wondering if you could stay over for that meeting.

My advice to the young women was that while the interest was up from the State Association and Dr. Shaw's visit, ~~this~~ was the time to have a large meeting such as they desired for their yearly public efforts. The topic will be "Woman Suffrage in England Today" and reference will be made to the present efforts in our own country.

Mrs. Snowden is due in New York today, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Catt. Mrs. Snowden is to be our guest while she is here.

Can you tell me on a postal card where Miss Belle Bennett is, and whether she will be here for both the 10th and 11th of November?

Very Cordially Yours,

*Caroline A. Leech*

*Miss Frank Johnson Club - you yesterday the  
literature you asked for via Civil Service Reform -  
Our Co. Sec. was directed to write to the Governor  
about - having a woman as Physician in the two  
State hospitals. word having been received*

That the one at Lexington had resigned -  
C. A. L.

942 First St.

My dear Miss Clay;

Last year, when I was a member of the State Committee of civil service ~~Reform~~ the Chairman of the committee sent me a liberal supply of literature to distribute to the clubs in Louisville. There ~~was~~ more than I needed, and when Mrs Leech told me you wanted some it gave me great pleasure to send it to one who would make such good use of it.

I do not know who bears the expense of this literature, the State Committee or the committee of the general federation. The chairman of either committee will, no doubt, be very glad to receive



the contribution which I am returning.

If at any time I can be of any service to you, it  
will give me pleasure to do so.

Thanking you for your prompt acknowledg-  
ment, I am

Sincerely yours

Margaret D. Johnson

November fifth. 1909

1701 Jefferson Avenue.  
Knottville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Clay,

We had a very enjoyable trip home but were certainly very sleepy the next day. as we didn't catch the train at Paris till almost eleven. and arrived in Knottville ten minutes before six. and had to get off the train immediately.

I was almost sorry that

We caught our train for I did  
enjoy my stay with you  
so much and would have  
certainly been glad to accept  
your invitation to stay a  
day with you and really  
take time to see the city.  
For although we went around  
no much as we could  
our time was limited  
and as we had come to  
the convention. We felt we  
must bring as much of it  
as possible back to our  
Association. We have told  
them how lovely everybody  
up there was to us and  
I think they all envy  
us the trip. And it was  
certainly a very pleasant  
one.

I can never thank you

sufficiently for your thought-  
ful care for my comfort.  
And I hope that some  
day I shall have the pleasure  
of seeing you again. If you  
are ever in Knoxville don't  
fail to let me know.

I hope your visit to Florida  
will be a pleasant one.

Yours sincerely

Nov. 11th. 1909. Mrs. S. Kelley.

189 N. Mill St.

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 5/09.

My dear Mrs. Shepard,

I received your letter yesterday and I feel grateful that Mrs. Houston is willing to risk my talking on a subject such as Woman's Responsibility As A Citizen. I do not see how it is possible for her knowing as she does my position that I could avoid the idea at least of woman's suffrage with such a title as that. I wish I could accept the invitation but I cannot. I am going to Polatka, Florida to address the State Federation of Woman's Clubs on Civil Service Reform, and while I am not to speak until the evening of the 17th I am particularly invited to a reception to be given on the evening of the 16th, and my time would be too crowded to go to Covington on the 15th. Please explain this to Mrs. Houston and tell her that I regret that I have to decline the invitation.

No, I am not busy collecting but I am exceedingly busy at other things. Among others getting data for my speech in Polatka. I intend to do a good deal of collecting before our books finally close in January. Our membership here is close on 200 but I am very ambitious for it to be 500. It is on the system of membership cards but ~~we~~ don't expect to get dues from each member, but I hope by donations to make up the dues of all or the larger part of them.

Today I enclose a check for the few that I have collected, together with \$2 which are State dues for eight members for the year 1908,

which were ~~collected~~ *collected after I had paid the bulk of the dues to you* ~~collected~~ *collected* ~~with~~ *with* ~~other~~ *other* ~~the~~ *the* ~~dues~~ *dues* ~~at~~ *at* ~~you~~ *you*

Of course this is owing to the National treasury and you must enter it on your books as belated dues. We had a meeting of the local yesterday but had

not ask the vote on paying the dues of all our present members,  
before the convention, but I will either write to you again or  
will see you about this at the convention.

Very cordially yours,

Dict.

[Nov 6, 1909]

My dear Miss Bray:—

We are just as sorry  
as sorry can be over the  
impossibility of hearing  
a famous suffragist—in  
her own sweet way tell  
of "The responsibility of woman  
as a citizen"

I inclose receipt for  
the amount ( $40 \frac{50}{100}$ ) sent  
by cheque. How you are

too busy to read letters  
but thought you would prefer  
to file receipt at home  
rather than receive it - at  
Conventions -

Very sincerely yours

Shepard

November the sixth. 1909  
Hope Mrs. Cramer is coming  
to Louisville



Lexington, Ky. Nov. 6/09.

My dear Mrs. Myall,

I want to express to you my very great sympathy for you in your illness, which I heard of for the first time at the W. C. T. U. Convention, where I had hoped to see you.

I have now been in Lexington for about two weeks, making preparations of various sorts for our Equal Rights Convention, which is to be held in Louisville on the 11th and 12th of this month. I have never been able to go again to Paris as I hope sometime to do to complete the organization of the Bourbon E. R. A. and until that is done I shall consider the ladies who gave their names on the membership cards when Miss Penfield was there as members of the Fayette E. R. A. I give them all a very cordial invitation to attend the convention. Miss Shaw will be our evening speaker both evenings and we will have other pleasant items on the program. The delegates will not be entertained as we hold our conventions on the plan of the Federation of Woman's Clubs. Arrangements have been made to have the headquarters at The Galt House, where the rooms will be \$1 a day for two in a room without meals. I hope our Paris suffragists will be able to attend the convention.

My dear Mrs. Myall please accept my sympathy and warm regard and believe me

Very sincerely your friend,

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 6th, 1909

Mrs. Susan A. Corrington,  
Nicholasville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Corrington,

It has occurred to me that because the Nicholasville Equal Rights Association has not reported for the last year or two that Mrs. Shepard may not have notified you of our Kentucky annual convention, which is to be held in Louisville on the 11th and 12th of November. I hope that Nicholasville will be represented by delegates this time. Miss Shaw will be our evening speaker and there will be other interesting points on the program. The delegates will not be entertained, but rates have been obtained at The Galt House at \$1 a day for two in a room without meals. The officers will make that their headquarters.

I do not know whether you got all of the names, which were given to Miss Penfield when she visited Nicholasville, so I am enclosing a copy of them. I hope you yourself will be able to come to Louisville and other delegates also.

Very sincerely yours,

189 N/ Mill St.

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 6, 1909.

My dear Mrs. White,

I have received your letter of November the 5th this morning and am very much pleased with all of your arrangements. I trust that you will insist upon having an invocation, even if you cannot get the minister you desire. If we cannot get anyone of the ministers some one in our convention will lead in a few minutes prayer in the evenings, so have it on the programs without fail. I think it better that I should go to The Galt House with the other officers. Please thank Drs. Ingram and Lawrence for their kind invitation and explain to them that I believe it would be better for the business for me to be at the headquarters. I shall write at once to The Galt House and engage a room and I expect to come to Louisville on the afternoon train of Wednesday; but as I do not expect anyone to meet me I will not attempt to say now which train I shall come on. I know some of the delegates from Covington are coming on Wednesday afternoon also, and we will all be very glad to see you and any other of our friends on Wednesday evening at the Hotel, where we will be quite early in the evening, I suppose.

Very cordially yours,

Diet.

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> / 1909

WOMAN'S CLUB  
OF JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

My dear Miss Clay:

Just a note to re-  
mind you that  
we are expecting  
you in Florida  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this  
month. I presume  
Mrs. Shackelford wrote  
you the date of  
your address in

address in Jacksonville will  
be the 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday aft.

Please keep a list of your  
Traveling Expenses and  
we shall have our Treasurer  
remburse you after the  
lecture.

I see in today's  
paper (Register) that the  
State Suffrage meeting will  
be held in Jacksonville Nov.  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. I am glad  
it does not come after  
your Florida Trip, for  
now you will not feel  
that you must hurry  
back, I am arranging  
a title Bridge game for

Palatka. I do not  
know what day has  
been assigned the  
Civil Service program.  
but the Federation  
meets the 17th.

Please write me  
by what train you  
expect to arrive  
and I shall be  
so pleased to  
meet you. From

Nov. 8, 1909

MS

You are day  
to give you a  
social glimpse  
of Jacksonville  
as well as a  
business one.

Most cordially yours,

Minna O'Leary Jennings  
(Mrs Frauch 2)  
1807 Oak St.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Oklahoma Woman Suffrage Association

Officers:

PRESIDENT, Mrs. Kate H. Biggers, Marlow  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. N. M. Carter, Guthrie  
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. Jence C. Fouquay, Chandler  
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Chairmen Special Committees:

Press Work

Mrs. Lillie M. Allen  
Colony

Church Work

Mrs. H. L. Cloud  
Wellston

Congressional Petition

Mrs. M. A. Morrison  
Cleveland

Initiative and Referendum Petition

Mrs. Adelia C. Stephens  
Oklahoma City

Finance Committee

Dr. Ruth A. Gay  
Oklahoma City

Special Correspondent

Geo. R. Stephens  
Oklahoma City

No. 8-09 Oklahoma City

Hear Miss Clay

We received your check for one hundred dollars for which we feel so thankful, you do not know how thankful we will surely have our petition finished perhaps by the last of this month anyway we will finish the first week in December. The ladies on the road are so enthusiastic, it is such a surprise to them all when well they are received, and the men all over the state, say we can surely carry an election.

I wrote Mrs. Boyer that we wanted her to come home now as we are getting in too deep for us new people in the work and do not think we know how to be politic enough except Mrs. Biggers and she is so she cannot leave home very much.



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we now have out seven intelligent
Inight; attractive women getting names
besides numerous others doing a little
so our petition by the last of next week
will only lack 4 or 5000 and think that
the ten days after that will finish -

Now Miss Clay how will we go about
it to get Mrs. Boyer - if we have a special election
it will doubtless be in January. if a general
one year from now - and if we hold <sup>out</sup> at the
general election we will need the whole
years work. Several men have offered their
services as speakers for our campaign - and
we have two or three women that will
also do good work in that line - One a
Mrs. Redfield of Crescent, Ok. But what we need
most is newspaper work for that time -

Thanking you again, for your help to us
I remain yours
Ruth A. Gay
20 1/2 W. Main St.

## Maryland Woman - Suffrage Association

PRESIDENT, EMMA MADDOX FUNCK, 1631 EUTAW PLACE, BALTIMORE, MD.  
VICE-PRESIDENT, PAULINE W. HOLME, 1422 DRUID HILL AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD.  
TREASURER, MARY E. MOORE, SANDY SPRINGS, MD.  
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AUDITORS | GERTRUDE DOVE, 2909 ST. PAUL STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.  
JOSEPHINE VEY, FORREST PARK, BALTIMORE, MD.  
MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MARY BENTLEY THOMAS, EDNOR, MD.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1909

My dear Miss Clay

I have been wondering if you will attend the meeting in New York on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. If so - could you come to Baltimore for Monday - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - to help us out in the State Convention. If this be out of the question for you could you suggest some one -

Things are booming in Old Maryland - It looks as though we might be the first state (Southern) to enfranchise women -

Wouldn't that be fine !!!

A prompt reply will be thoroughly appreciated

Yours truly

Emma Maddox Funck  
1631 Eutaw Place  
Baltimore

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 10/09.

Mrs. Emma Maddox Funck,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mrs. Funck,

I have just received your letter of November the 8th. I am not going to the meeting in New York on the 17th of November. If I were it would give me great pleasure to go to Baltimore for Monday, November the 22d to your state convention. I am delighted to know that our cause is moving on in old Maryland. I think all over the South our question is making progress, and it would be grand indeed if one of the southern states should be the next one to enfranchise its women. My own state E. R. A. convention meets in Louisville on the 11th and 12th and after that I go to Florida to make addresses to two of the Florida Woman's Clubs.

As for suggestions about whom to get for your state convention: Miss Shaw is so exceedingly busy I suppose you have no hopes of getting her. I have been extremely pleased with our new Corresponding Secretary, Professor Frances Squire Potter. I wish you could have her. I do not know who is going to the meeting in New York, and therefore can not suggest anyone in particular.

With my very best wishes for your convention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dict.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, PRESIDENT,  
RICHMOND, KY.

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, GEN'L TREASURER,  
NASHVILLE, TENN.

## Woman's Home Mission Society.

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

MISS MARY HELM, EDITOR "OUR HOMES,"  
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Richmond, Ky. Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1909

My dear Anna.

The material I would like to send you is still in the hands of the printer. (The enclosed clipping from an editorial by Mary Helm, in our Home Mission paper, is about what I want to get before the public generally. Public sentiment, and public discussion is what I want - and what we must have, to prevent the measures being killed in the Committee room! The General Conference to

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which this Memorice is to be presented  
Richmond, Ky.  
does not meet until next May. In  
the meantime we must & will  
make a vigorous campaign. The  
women here to be enlightened and  
established as well as the preachers.  
I will be greatly obliged if you and  
Dr. Shan will help us, whenever & as  
whenever you can. I wish I could  
have been with you in Louisville.  
The newspapers are giving good

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*Richmond, Ky.*

*And summarize recent reports of  
the meeting. Affectionately  
Belle H. Bennett*

1715 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

November 13.

1909

My dear Miss Clay,

The Louisville Equal Rights Association had some money left over from its Convention Fund and as an Association they wished to pledge more to the State than was pledged on Friday by individuals.

At a board meeting yesterday it was voted to send ten dollars (\$10.00) to the State to help cover the cost of printing the programs, since the programs were much more expensive this year than formerly and

<sup>Nov 13, 1909</sup>  
The Louisville club, expects to reap  
the benefit of them it wishes to do  
something to help pay for them.

We can not be too grateful to  
the State for this Convention.

Miss Shaw has made a wonderful  
impression and I feel sure we  
can double our membership in  
the winter.

Very sincerely

Virginia V. Robinson

I am sending the check for  
\$10 to Mrs. Shepard.



1554

Madison Ave



Courington Sky

Nov - 14 - 1907

My Dear Miss Clay

I am so  
sorry for you to receive  
my report in such  
a condition, I sent  
it to a type writer by  
Ms Giltner on Tuesday morn-  
ing, she was not sure she  
could do it, but Ms Giltner  
saw the man in whose office  
she is employed, and he said  
he would have her leave  
off some of his work  
and do it for me, but  
the next morning she  
was ill and did not  
come to the office, so

he engaged another woman  
and when he went to  
get my report he  
could not find it.  
So Mr. Giltnor got the  
manuscript just as if  
was and forwarded it to  
you without my knowledge.

Trusting you will  
overlook the condition it  
reached you in,

and trust you can get  
some one that can read  
it intelligently before  
the Convention.

I am so sorry I can  
not be with you all  
and enjoy the Convention  
for I am sure you  
will have a grand one.  
As I feel that Rich-  
mond is a strange

or at least it is the  
home of many of our  
strangest leaders in  
the State.

So hoping you will  
have a grand  
Convention, and  
that some great work  
will be accomplished.

I am most sincerely  
Mary E. Giltnor

P.S. <sup>as</sup> the ladies will tell  
you of my speculations  
and of my having so  
many buildings on hand  
all of which kept me  
from coming.

Remember me to all  
the dear friends,  
M.E.G.

Marlow, Okla., Nov. 14-1902,

My dear Miss Clay:

Last-week I was in Oklahoma City attending the Federation of Clubs annual meeting as regular delegate and also - by invitation of State Pres. of Federation - as fraternal delegate from W. S. A. We have had a fraternal delegate at the Federation meeting quite a number of times but were never treated as well as we were this time. I was invited to stand in line at the reception and was much pleased at the number of ladies who told me they were suffragists. The Oklahamans gave a very good notice of my little talk.

I had a talk with Dr. Gay and she seems very confident that our petitions will be finished by the first of Dec. but I will not be disappointed if it takes longer, but I do not feel at all afraid now but that we will get it all through all right. I think we will have money enough to take us through but should we find at the last that we are short - I will certainly let you know. It has been necessary for Dr. Gay to pay Dr. Dexter besides her expenses - and it is only right that she

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should be paid. I think the different members of her family are all supporting themselves and it is necessary for her to do likewise.

I believe we have quite a number of men and women who will do pretty good work - ~~so~~ <sup>some</sup> especially good - when we come to needing (if we get through the State officials hands all right) ~~then~~ speakers for a campaign.

Altogether ~~things~~ our affairs are looking encouraging and hopeful, for at least our next step, meaning the step we are taking now.

Very sincerely

Kate H. Diggers

November, 15th, 1909.

My dear Miss Dolfinger,

In looking over Mrs. Obenchain's letter to me, I find she says, "The only directions I have to give are: Send the articles to one-half the newspapers one week and to the other half the next. If you have influence enough to get suffrage matter into the Louisville papers, you will do more than I have done, though I have tried repeatedly. The trouble is I have always said in my reports is to find out whether the articles sent are published." Mrs. Obenchain says in her letter of March the 11th, "I am going to attend to one of the papers, The Bowling Green Messenger, the Editor is a friend of mine and a suffragist." I send a list of the papers, which Mrs. Obenchain sent to me. For fear you did not hear distinctly over the telephone, I am going to repeat, you can send to Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York and tell her how many copies of the press articles you desire her to furnish you with weekly. After you have sent these out to the newspapers you will find out which ones are favorable and I suppose it is very desirable that you should find out from some person in the town, where the newspapers are printed whether they appear from time to time or not. I know The Leader, and The Herald, and The Gazette in Lexington publish a large part of them.

Our Executive Committee appropriated \$30 for the postage and stationery of the Press Department, and you can write to the Treasurer Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, 31 E. Twelfth St. Covington, Ky. for the mon-

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ey as you need it.

Thanking you very much for consenting to take charge  
of the Press work, I am,

Very sincerely yours.

Dict.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

November, 15th, 1909.

My dear Dr. Southgate,

I received your press report in time to have it read at the convention. While we did not have many delegates, we had very fine evening meetings and unusually fair and full press reports in the Louisville papers. Mrs. Obenchain has always found it impossible to get much matter in the Louisville papers and the favorable reports this time made me feel that we should seize the opportunity to secure the continuance of this liberal space if possible. We believed that for this purpose it would be desirable to have a Louisville woman as Press Superintendent, and as a very well qualified one was suggested to us we elected Miss Emma Dölfinger as the superintendent.

I want to thank you for myself and for the Association for your kind and excellent help in the press work. It has enabled us to continue it without a lapse of time and interest after Mrs. Upton's resignation and I assure you that I appreciate what you have done for us and your willingness to assist very highly. I regret very much that you could not be with us at the convention. I enclose a program.

Very cordially yours,

Dict.

189 N. Mill St.

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 15, 09.

Miss Virginia P. Robinson,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Miss Robinson,

Our Executive Committee was so much gratified that you are willing to act as the committee on the prizes offered in educational institutions for the best suffrage oration. Our treasury does not permit us to appropriate much money, but we did vote \$30, which we suppose may suffice for three prizes as Mrs. Roark reported excellent results from a prize of \$10 in the Eastern Normal School.

As I told you we have no cut and dried method for this work as we have never done any of it before, but we desire that you should use your own initiative freely. We trust that from this small beginning this department of work may greatly increase in importance. It is possible that some of the Local Associations may raise additional sums to be offered as prizes in Educational Institutions in their own locality. Even in this case I hope that the terms and preliminary arrangements will all pass through your hands so there may be a uniformity, and the only conditions which our Executive Committee desires to lay down are: First, That the prizes shall be for orations all on the affirmative side, not for debates, in which a negative side is taken. Second. That the prizes shall be paid in gold coin, and not in any sort of medal or similar object.

You can divide the money into first and second prizes as you please confining it to institutions in Louisville where you can have the oversight of it and in fact, can use your own judgment in



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all particulars, except the two I have stated above. I do not doubt that in these you agree with the Executive Committee.

Thanking you very sincerely for your willingness to undertake this department of work, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Farmington Ky.  
November 15 - 1859.

My dear Mrs Clay:-

I have been reading with interest the accounts and programs of your late Equal Rights meeting in Louisville, and have wished myself there most heartily on several occasions especially. I am sure the demands to be made of the incoming Legislature are all logical and reasonable,

I am wondering if I am even a  
member of your State organization.  
Some weeks ago I met Mrs  
Shepard in Lexington and  
gave her my dues, asking for  
membership in the State  
organization. Simply to  
register my name as for  
"Equal Rights" Mrs. Shepard  
said she would speak to you -  
and let me know - I supposed  
if I was accepted, I have  
heard nothing from Mrs.  
Shepard or any one since, and

I am wondering if I was  
altogether out of order. May  
I ask you to kindly give me  
this information. Mrs. Shepard  
seemed to have some reservations,  
and I was at the time in too  
much haste to stop to fully  
understand. When I did not hear  
from Mrs. Shepard I thought I  
would see you at the Education  
Board meeting in Louisville. I am  
sorry, but I did not quite feel as if  
I belonged there last week, and yet  
I was indeed deeply interested. With  
congratulations on your strong June  
meeting I am very cordially

Yours sincerely  
Gauts

Then you I fear for them  
for I have reason to  
know, judging from the  
past, that as a body  
there is not much of  
either logic or reason  
to be found in the  
body assembled.

I wish I might help  
more than in sympathetic  
good wishes, - may be I am  
helping some little in  
forming local opinions,  
where I find more women  
afraid to speak for,  
than men who really  
speak against. - Strange!

West Point Ky Nov 15/09

Miss Laura Clay

My Dear Miss Clay  
I have met with a great deal of encouragement in regard to the suffrage cause I have been invited to organize a club at West Point Hardin Co Ky I am going to organize my club at Muldraugh Meade Co Ky as soon as I return home I would like for you to send me some of your petitions you will send some for Hardin Co & some for Meade Co

You will ~~also~~ send me a  
lot of your leaflets and  
I will say I am going to  
try to make a good showing  
I enjoyed Miss Snowden's  
lecture very much she  
was fine wish you could  
have heard her

address all mail to

Mrs Ted Withers Smith  
West Point

RR 23 Ky

## VOTES FOR WOMEN

# Oklahoma Woman Suffrage Association

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Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 15, 09

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Oklahoma City

#### Finance Committee

Dr. Ruth A. Gay  
Oklahoma City

#### Special Correspondent

Geo. R. Stephens  
Oklahoma City

*Dear Miss Clay*

We desire to submit for your earnest consideration a statement for the Equal Suffrage Movement in the State of Oklahoma, and the situation and needs of our State Association.

The Constitution of Oklahoma provides, among other things, for the initiative of any measure, upon the filing of a petition signed by fifteen per cent of the voters who voted at the last general election. There were cast at the last general election in the State of Oklahoma two hundred and fifty thousand votes, and to initiate a new law requires a petition signed by approximately forty thousand of that number.

The Oklahoma Woman's Suffrage Association expects to file its initiative petition with at least forty thousand signatures by the middle of December. These forty thousand signatures will have been obtained by us at a cost of not more than One Thousand Dollars outlay, from which you will be able to judge of the work done by our women, and the favorable reception by the voters of the petition. The petition for amending the Constitution with regard to railroads has cost the Committee in charge of it, ten thousand dollars, - from which you will be able to make comparisons. Our workers all say that they meet a favorable reception, and that the sentiment is growing every day for suffrage, and are enthusiastic in the belief that the measure will carry if submitted.

We have a large number of loyal friends among the politicians of the state, both democrats and republicans, and practically all the socialists are with us. Senator Owens, a democrat, Dennis Flynn, formerly a delegate from the Territory to Congress, a republican; Ex-Governor Ferguson, of the old Oklahoma Territory, republican; Judge Dunne, of the Supreme Court, democrat; Judge Robertson, democrat, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, together with many other influential men of both parties. One of the leading politicians was at the office recently inquiring about the support we were getting over the state, and said he was on the fence, but from his conversation we judge he was ready to get down on our side of the fence if the movement looked strong enough.

Our President gave a suffrage talk before the Federated Club Women, at their State Convention recently, and nine-tenths of the women present congratulated her on her paper.

There is no doubt but that there will be a special election called during the first months of the coming year, at which time several amendments will be voted upon; - ours, with the rest, if we have filed it thirty days before the election is called. Special elections are called at the "discretion of the Governor," but it is our idea that if we can put up a strong petition to him, and he calls for an election on other amendments, that he will be bound to include ours.

*(fraternal delegate)*

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At this special election it is only necessary for us to secure a majority of the votes cast and usually at special elections fewer votes are cast than at a general election. At a general election it is necessary that we secure a majority of the largest number of votes cast for any one office, which makes it a great deal harder to carry, for the reason that many will vote for some leading office who will vote for no other office or measure. It frequently occurs at a general election that a voter will absolutely ignore an amendment proposition while voting for men for part or all of the offices.

It is our sincere belief that now is the most favorable time we have ever had in Oklahoma for putting this amendment through, and unless we press it at this time the movement will be in abeyance for another decade. We simply cannot afford to lose all our work in securing signatures to our petitions at this time, and to permit the occasion of this special election to go by without putting our measure before the people.

We have been lead to believe by the National Association, that if we, by our efforts, secure the necessary signatures they would assist us in the campaign. We will need money and speakers. We have four men who say they will go into the field for us if we would pay their expenses. We have a large number of women who are willing to work both personally, and as speakers, but we specially need speakers of reputation and influence for our larger meetings. Above all, we need someone who knows the state and its people

Mrs. Ida Boyer, by reason of her past experience in this state, we consider especially qualified to come to this field and take charge of the work. During her recent work here she became acquainted with nearly all its leading men of all parties; she was able to command their respect, and made very few, if any, enemies among them. As a tactful politician, she is equal to any of them.

We desire that you interest yourself personally at this time in this our campaign, and bespeak your most hearty cooperation and aid.

Cannot you have the National Board take immediate action? Please let us have reply at once as to your personal ideas of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kate H. Biggers*  
President.

*Ruth A. Gay*  
Secretary.



Lexington, Ky. Nov. 15th, 1909.

My dear Miss Laura,

I find I have only a few names in Owensboro, and those date back as far as 1895, so I think you may not find them all still there. They are; Miss Ella Jewell, Miss Catherine Fuqua, Mrs. Fanny Hayes and Mrs. Sarah Heavrin. However, I know Mrs. Hayes is still in Owensboro, and still interested in our cause, as I met her at the Federation of Clubs last June. I expect your best plan would be to talk with her.

Our Executive Committee was so much pleased at the possibility of your doing some organization work for the cause. They all expressed perfect confidence that you could do it successfully. We appropriated \$50.00 for the expenses of organizing; so do not let the need of a few dollars stop any arrangement you might make.

I feel that our convention was very successful in many ways; and after I come back from Florida, where I go for ten days tomorrow morning, I hope to start in for a campaign for members and the signing of the Congressional Petition.

Please remember me to your sister and Mr. Hager, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

*Sent newsletter + 15 cards.*

# National-American Woman Suffrage Association

## COMMITTEE ON PETITION TO CONGRESS

CHAIRMAN: CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

RACHEL FOSTER AVERY, ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN

FLORENCE KELLEY

HEADQUARTERS FOR PETITION WORK:

1823 H STREET NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 16, 1909



Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I arrived at Washington this morning and found awaiting me our President's letter to the Official Board, dated Nov. 9. It had gone to Sioux Falls and been returned to me here.

As it will be several days before I can dictate a letter at home I take this opportunity of giving you my ideas on the South Dakota situation as Miss Shaw has suggested that I should do.

The organization of the work is as follows:

a: A Votes for Women Campaign Committee, elected by the recent Campaign Convention. This Committee is large, and, as far as possible, represents all parts of the State, and was given power to add to its numbers. It was distinctly stated that it should have charge of the general management of the campaign. Mrs. Johnson, as President of the State Ass'n, is Chairman of this campaign committee, and is the person through whom votes shall be taken by mail, but it was understood that she was to send these votes to Headquarters at Sioux Falls to be sent out, and the returns were to be made there. This was done because Mrs. Johnson is not the one who would collate the returns carefully.

b: A Finance Committee to suggest to local committees methods of raising funds for the campaign. The individual members of this Finance Committee were also authorized and urged to individually solicit pledges for the campaign. This committee, though not as large as the Campaign Committee, is fairly representative of the whole State. A number of the women on it are those who have been in the work before, and I think when they understand that the funds will be carefully guarded, and that it will not be in the power of Mrs. Johnson to draw upon them, that they will respond to the appeals sent to them.

Mrs. Jeffries of Fort Pierre was appointed upon this Committee. Just lately her suffrage club raised \$75 for the local work by an entertainment, which she was largely instrumental in getting up and managing.

Men form part of the membership of both the Campaign Committee and the Finance Committee.

c: A Sub-Committee of Five. The details of the work, the managing of local organizers, and the authorizing of local workers to do organizing and money raising, is in the hands of this Sub Committee. It was purposely named the Sub Committee of Five rather than the Sub Committee on Work in order not to arouse a feeling on the part of some persons at a distance from Sioux Falls that too much power was being given to the Sioux Falls women. The membership of this committee, in order to be effective, was necessarily chosen from Sioux Falls and vicinity. Mrs. E. D. Tinsley (who was elected by the Board of Officers of the State Ass'n as Corresponding Secretary to fill a vacancy, and who is elected by the Campaign Committee as Campaign Headquarters Secretary) is Chairman of this Sub-Committee of Five. The other

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members are Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Zetlitz, of Sioux Falls; the State Treasurer, Mrs. Lorena Fairbanks, a bright young woman from Huron; and Mrs. Smart, one of the W. C. T. U. who was on the former board of Suffrage Officers. Mrs. Smart lives out a distance, but Mrs. Fairbanks can come to meetings of this Committee with small expense. The State President is ex officio a member of this Committee, as she is also ex officio of the Finance Committee.

d: A Committee on Expenditures, consisting of three members; Chairman, Mrs. McCrossen of Sioux Falls; other members, Mrs. Campbell of Sioux Falls, and the State Treasurer. This Committee must authorize all expenditures of money from the Campaign Treasury. The State Treasurer was made Treasurer of the Campaign Fund. All orders for money must be signed by the two other members of the Committee on Expenditures. It was distinctly stated to Mrs. Johnson that she was not a member of the Committee on Expenditures, not even ex officio. She made no comment, so I do not know how she felt. When that statement was made to her it was put on the basis that a committee such as this was a safeguard not only for the Treasury, but to all these officers who expended money for the work.

This organization of these four committees may seem somewhat cumbersome, but I believe they are going to work well. Of course, being in Sioux Falls longer than Miss Shaw (I was there nearly two weeks before the convention opened and for five days after it closed), I was enabled to sound the women and learned to know them better than Miss Shaw could in the few days of the convention.

I endorse all that she says of Mrs. Johnson, and it is because Mrs. Johnson is so incapable, and because her enthusiasm seems to be built on a foundation of airy nothings, that it seemed the only possible way to have the work go forward with the prospect of success was to tie her hands, especially to keep her from being able to use the Treasury money. If the women who were there had felt that Mrs. Johnson was to draw upon the money which they would raise, I do not believe a cent would have been contributed. While but few of them spoke about Mrs. Johnson to me, I watched their faces carefully during the business sessions of the convention, and could see that they put absolutely no confidence in her promises. When the time came for taking pledges for the campaign fund Mrs. Johnson pledged to raise \$500. There was absolutely not even a ripple of enthusiasm about it because they felt that it would not materialize. This was stated to me from several sources afterward, and was my judgment of the attitude of the little convention toward Mrs. Johnson's promises.

In addition to this \$500 which she pledged to raise, there was pledged between five and six hundred from various sources in accounts varying from \$5 per month for the campaign year to \$5 as a total contribution. I have entire confidence that this money will all be paid. Some of the pledges had already been paid before I left Sioux Falls.

The Committee on Work voted to rent two rooms on Phillips Ave. (the main thoroughfare and very near the centre of business) at a rental of \$25 per month. They are both front rooms, connecting, and have a bay window, which is quite an advantage for advertising purposes. The Minnehaha County E. S. A. (which is practically the Sioux Falls suffrage club of which Mrs. Tinsley is president), voted to undertake to raise the rental of these headquarters, and an additional \$5 per month to cover telephone, light and cleaning of the rooms (the latter was not included in the \$25 per month), as the Club's contribution to the campaign. This club had about 50 members ten days before the convention opened, and by the day of its opening they had raised their membership to 100. There are a number of earnest women in the club, and I believe they are going to do some thorough canvassing of Sioux Falls for memberships within the next couple of months preparatory to a districting of the city and polling it to ascertain the attitude of the voters. I met

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with the Club on the 8th (not a regular meeting, but one called through newspaper notices and telephoning, to meet me), and they appointed some committees to arrange for parlor meetings, and a committee on securing members. Immediately upon the close of the convention, Mrs. Tinsley invited Mrs. Johnson, Miss Penfield and myself to be her guests. She keeps no maid, but has a roomy comfortable house, furnished in a tasteful way. She could not entertain any one while the convention preparations were going on, nor during the sessions, because she had to be out so much of the time. A number of encouraging little things happened while we were there; one of them a call from ex-Mayer Deolittle (one of the few reform mayors Sioux Falls has had), who talked with Mrs. McCrossen, Mrs. Tinsley and myself for the greater part of an evening, laying plans for the raising of money. He will himself give \$25 to start the list, and made suggestions which seemed to be quite practical. I left there on Thursday, the 11th, and the Minnehaha County S. S. A. was to meet on Friday afternoon at Mrs. Tinsley's. She proposed to take them in a body down to the new headquarters and to have a list of the necessary furniture, and hoped to get the Club to undertake to secure it. In fact, before I left, Dr. Zetlitz had promised the loan of a desk for the year, and Mrs. Tinsley was going to get one back which her husband had loaned for a time to some friend. Mrs. Tinsley owns a typewriter which can be in the headquarters until Mr. Tinsley returned, and I feel quite certain that there will be no outlay of ready money involved in getting the headquarters in shape. The lease was to be taken in the name of the Votes for Women Campaign Committee, and to be signed by Mrs. Tinsley as Chairman of the Sub Committee of Five, and Mrs. McCrossen as Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures.

Miss Penfield's Work.

Miss Penfield was much discouraged when I reached Sioux Falls, and felt that her expenses had been very heavy and her work had amounted to comparatively very little, with the exception of the time spent at the State Fair at Huron. By the way, Mrs. Tinsley has been for two years the organizer of the Woman's department of the State Fair, in which capacity she has travelled quite a good deal in the State and had a large correspondence, and it was at the Fair that Miss Penfield got in touch with her.

Miss Penfield was placed under the direction of Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson was flying about the State to various meetings of state organizations and was unable to give Miss Penfield any directions, and even failed to furnish her with any letters of introduction. I felt that it was important that Mrs. Tinsley have her hands held up by some one who had some little experience in the work, so I consented to Miss Penfield remaining in Sioux Falls with Mrs. Tinsley to help organize the headquarters work in so far as she could be helpful in that direction. She herself felt very much encouraged by the fact that she is to be hereafter under the direction of the Sub Committee of Five, of which Mrs. Tinsley is the chairman; and before I left letters were being sent out to county towns near Sioux Falls and a route arranged which would bring her back to Sioux Falls for the Christmas holidays. This was done because we all agreed that at that time no organizing can be done, and Mrs. Tinsley said she would be glad to entertain her, and we felt that Miss Penfield's time could be best utilized at the headquarters during that season.

I made it plain to the Committee of Five and the Committee on Expenditures that hereafter we looked to South Dakota to furnish the entire expenses of the National organizer, the National Association giving her time freely to the State.

In Miss Shaw's letter she asked for three votes, all relating to South Dakota, and in that connection I should like to make the following suggestion. Mrs. Tinsley was very desirous that Mrs. Stewart or some National officer should come to help to organize the work. I discussed with her and with the Sub Committee of Five the possibility of finding a press woman in South Dakota, and while several persons were suggested by those outside the Committee for this line of work, none of them were at all available. Mrs. Tinsley has had a little newspaper experience, but it would be impossible for her to do

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all the other things that are expected of her and undertake the newspaper work, beyond, perhaps, contributing an article each week to the office of the Patent Insides. There is such an office in Sioux Falls, supplying part of the South Dakota country papers. There is another office at Sioux City, and still a third, I think, at Minneapolis which supplies some South Dakota papers. The one crying need, therefore, is that the National should, if possible, supply a press woman and support her work.

The State people seem to feel they could raise the money for the rent of headquarters and the \$75 per month salary for Mrs. Tinsley, and the salary of the clerk, \$40 per month. Of course, their success in this will depend upon the activity of the Finance Committee, and upon the good management of the work at the State Headquarters at Sioux Falls.

The immediate need it seems to me, in addition to the newspaper woman, is a little ready money in Mrs. Tinsley's hands. Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley have evidently had fairly liberal means, but have been unfortunate in losing it, so that she has no money of her own to fall back upon. She said she was not going to stand upon their raising her salary promptly, and that she expected to use in the work whatever of her salary remained after paying a working housekeeper, whom it would be necessary for her to have in order to leave her free to be regularly at the headquarters every day. I believe she will be as good as her word on this point. Just before I parted from her I said that I planned to recommend to the National Board to send her \$100 to be in her hands for any pressing needs for which the money might not be collected. She expressed the greatest gratitude for my promise and said that if that could be done it would be a great relief to her, since she would be at the Headquarters and feel the pressure of any bills which might be left unpaid for any length of time. She said that she would not expect to use this money to free the local people from any of their responsibility, but would expect to return it to the National later on in the campaign when the collections of money were going forward, as we all believe they will be after the thing is once under way and the enthusiasm of the campaign rises. I would therefore suggest that this amount of money be voted to Mrs. Tinsley to be managed in this way.

In connection with the third vote which Miss Shaw has asked I shall vote No, because I do not believe in the possibility of Mrs. Johnson doing any further work which would be helpful to the cause, and I think that whatever money the National has for South Dakota should not be put into her hands.

I want to say just here that I think any of us going up to Sioux Falls at the time and under the circumstances in which Mrs. Stewart made her visit would probably have made the same choice as Mrs. Stewart did for the State President. Mrs. Johnson had been Corresponding Secretary of the Federation of Women's Clubs before she was made its President, and one would naturally suppose that the members of that organization would have selected a capable woman as their leader, having known this same woman in another office. I would like to say still further that Miss Penfield and Mrs. Tinsley, both of whom had worked with Mrs. Johnson during the Huron Fair, agreed in the feeling that she had grown more light-headed to a marked degree since the Fair, which occurred about the middle of September, and they think it has rather turned her head to be in this position in the light of so important a campaign.

Yours most cordially,

Rachel Foster Avery

1234 Fifth St  
Louisville Ky Nov 22nd  
1909

My dear Miss Clay-

Will you kindly send me at your earliest convenience about twenty copies like the enclosed "Instructions". I am sending one with each petition to every member of our Association.

I think the Convention did our cause much good in this city and Dr. Shaw through her two very excellent addresses has made many converts. It was a great pleasure to know you and the other Kentucky ladies who are such earnest workers for equal suffrage.

Very sincerely  
Caroline Leib.

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STATION F.  
LOUISVILLE, KY. November 22nd, 1909

Mrs. Isabella Shepard, Treas.,

IN REPLYING REFER TO FILE NO.

31 East 12th St.,

Covington, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Enclosed please find check for \$100.00, which I am sending you at the request of my mother, Suzan H. Avery, for the fund of the Woman Suffragists of this State.

Yours truly,

*George E. Avery*

(Enclosure)

Oubank Ky.  
Nov 25-1899.

Miss Laura Cley.  
Lexington  
Ky.

Dear Madam:

Can you supply  
me with points in favor  
of "Woman Suffrage."  
Send as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully

Herbert Reynolds

sent leaflets.



Lexington, Ky. Nov. 25, '9.

Miss Caroline Leib,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Miss Leib,

I returned late last night from a ten days trip to Florida, where I went to address the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the Jacksonville Woman's Club on Civil Service Reform. While I did not speak on Suffrage in Florida, I found a good deal of suffrage sentiment there and our Congressional petition has been circulated there to some extent.

I enclose the instructions as you asked me. When anyone wishes to paste the petitions together because they find it easier to get names after some one else has signed, be sure to warn them not to cut off the heads of the petitions as that invalidates all the names which follow. Our petition will be very closely scrutinized by enemies and anything that gives an appearance of possible fraud will be eagerly seized upon by them. In spite of the warning in large letters in the instructions, some of the petitions have been returned to me with half of the names made useless by neglect of this warning.

I am delighted to know that Miss Shaw made the favorable impression that I was confident she would make.

With my best wishes for your success in the petition and all your other suffrage work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dict.

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 25, /09.

Mrs. Caroline Leib,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Leib,

Louisville Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Miss Clay

I received a letter  
from our President Miss  
Hast asking me to write  
to you for some of the  
enrollment cards.

She thinks we should  
have about two hundred.

I hope we can fill them.

Will you please send them  
to me? Yours respectfully,

Mrs. W. N. Bradburn Rec. Dec.  
433 Park Ave.

1873X,

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 26/09.

Mrs. Teed Withers Smith,

West Point, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

I was pleased to get your letter of November the 15th and have been delayed in answering it, because I have been absent for about ten days on a little trip to Florida and only returned yesterday morning. I hope this delay in sending the petitions and leaflets will not inconvenience you. I send them under another cover. I send printed instructions with the ~~leaflets~~ and ask you to call particular attention to that passage, which says that the heads of the petitions must not be cut off when they are pasted together. This is very essential as our petition will be closely scrutinized by enemies and any possibility of fraud, as of people who may sign without knowing what they are signing, will be eagerly seized upon.

I am greatly gratified to know that you propose to organize two clubs and I hope you will let me learn what success you have.

Very cordially yours,

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Sent 160 assorted leaflets.  
Send 20 petitions & instructions.

[Nov 27, 1909]

My dear Miss Clay:—

Am sure you have returned to Lehigh by this time. The Louisville Ass'n voted to contribute  $10^{00}$  toward printing program. I sent cheque to printer for them.  $20^{00}$  as per bill. I am in a hurry to tell you that I have received a cheque for  $(100^{00})$  one hundred

Dollars from Mrs. Susan  
Avery of Louisville for  
State work I think! The  
letter says state fund - now  
you can talk to Mrs. Weaver  
about state work!

I hope you returned from  
Florida without serious  
resultant fatigue and  
had a fine time there.

Very cordially yours  
- Shepard

Saturday November twenty seventh

Copy.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 27th, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Biggers,

I have been to Florida for about ten days, where I went to address the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the Jacksonville Club on Civil Service Reform. I returned Thanksgiving day; and found awaiting me your personal letter of Nov. 14th and your circular letter of Nov. 15th. I also found a letter from Miss Shaw calling attention to your circular letter. I saw Miss Shaw in Louisville, where she was our principal speaker at our State E.R.A. convention. I asked her what would be the attitude of the National to the Oklahoma Campaign, if you got your petition filed on time? She said the National would certainly want to aid in the resulting campaign. She could not tell what could be done then; and cannot now, I suppose, without taking a vote of the Official Board. She proposes to call a meeting of the Board very soon; and she may think it best to wait till we meet to discuss the situation in Oklahoma. In the meantime, I know you must feel very anxious, as the campaign may need to be opened at once, if you get your petition filed and there is a special election. Therefore, as you ask for personal opinions on the subject, I am writing solely as a personal matter. I am deeply interested in the Oklahoma campaign, as I feel it is of the greatest importance in the chance of success there, and also because a campaign there will favorably affect campaigns in other states. For these reasons, and because it is a Southern state, and has special claims on southern suffragists, I shall do what is in my power to urge the National to assist in the campaign, whether it is to be at a special election or whether the vote shall be taken at the regular election in November. <sup>1910.</sup> If it is taken at the regular election in November, there will be time for you to hear from the National and form your plans accordingly. But if you succeed in getting in at the special elec-



tion you will need money at once to start to work promptly. Therefore, I am now writing to say if you do get in your bill at the special election I will pledge five hundred dollars besides the one hundred dollars of the ~~Bruce~~ Bruce Fund I have already pledged, making six hundred dollars in all. You have made a particular request to have Mrs. Boyer back to help. I thoroughly approve of this; and I have written to ask her on what terms she could go and I suppose you have done so also. But after reflection I have decided to leave the expenditure of this six hundred dollars to you and your collaborators, without any indication from me how it had better be expended. If you win, and Oklahoma becomes a suffrage state, I shall take this five hundred dollars out of the Bruce Fund, of which I am trustee. If you lose, I shall pay it myself, as I want the Bruce Fund to stand for victory and not for defeat, unless it be in our own state, Kentucky. Therefore, you can depend on this amount to commence an immediate campaign, if you have a special election. I hope you will notify me at once on the completion of your petition; and you can tell me at the same time whether you want all the money at once, or in what manner you want the payments made. I can pay it exactly to suit your convenience. Of course, in any case, you will need more than this; but I am hoping that with the certainty of this much, you can plan for the work you want, and be able to wait a little till other help comes, whether from the National or elsewhere.

Wishing you Godspeed, and perfect success in your great work,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

November, 27, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I returned very early Thanksgiving morning from my trip to Florida, where I had a delightful time, though I had to speak at Palatka and at Jacksonville to the Woman's Clubs on Civil Service Reform. I found a great quantity of letters to be answered, but I have need of some information, of which unfortunately I did not make notes at the convention. Please give me Miss Emma Dolfinger's address. Please send me the whole list of delegates and alternates to the National Convention in their order. Please look among your papers and see if you have a pamphlet of the Kentucky Federation of Clubs, gotten out by the Civics Committee. It is my only copy and I have lost it. I think it may have been in the papers you put in your book at the convention.

Miss Virginia Robinson in a very delightful note says the Louisville E. R. A, had some money left over from its convention fund and sends \$10 to Mrs. Shepard to help to pay for the programs. Don't you think our board might vote this \$10 to the prize fund, and suggest to Miss Robinson, that she offer a prize of \$10 to the Louisville schools.

How are you getting on with your increase of numbers. I have not yet had a chance to get to work. Mrs. Teed Withers Smith has written me that she is preparing to organize two associations. I have not yet heard from Miss Laura White nor Mrs. Weaver. I have heard from several sources that the convention did great good in Louisville as I felt confident it would do.

Let me hear from you soon.

Very cordially yours,

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 27, 1909.

My dear Miss Robinson,

I received your letter of November the 13th just as I was starting for Florida, where I went to address the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the Jacksonville Woman's Club on Civil Service Reform. I did not get back until Thanksgiving Day. I thank the Louisville E. R. A. in behalf of the State E. R. A. for the \$10 donated. Our Louisville friends, however, need not have felt any annoyance about the cost of the programs, for we had given them latitude in the matter of the price, because we wanted them to get up a program, which would be useful to advertise the convention and take the opportunity to extend sentiment. I think the programs you got up were very effective for this purpose. The state treasurer always takes care to have money enough for the expense of the convention, and I regret that the Louisville E. R. A. felt worried for a moment about the price of the programs. I am glad that you feel the convention will be helpful to Louisville. I know it will be exceedingly helpful to our work all over the state, and I am glad to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks and the thanks of the State E. R. A. for the impetus it has given to our movement by inviting the convention to Louisville.

Very sincerely yours,

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[Nov. 27, 1909]

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MISS GREGG.

"I have learned this thing which looks hopeful to me for statehood soon. There has been a change of Governor since Miss Clay and I were here, and Mr. Sloan has been appointed instead of Gov. Kibbey. It seems that the Republican party became pretty badly split, and Judge Sloan was the only man upon whom the two factions would unite; but he is not a wealthy man, and his income as District Judge was something like six thousand a year. When he was being urged for Governor he made a trip to Washington, and then came home and resigned his six thousand dollar job for a two thousand dollar one, and I am told that the politicians believe that he got a tip that statehood would come at the next session, and then he would be appointed Federal Judge at a bigger salary, and for life. So you can weigh that for what it is worth.

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I forgot to answer your question about Gov. Sloan. He is a very dignified, unapproachable, non-committal man, and so far as Mrs. Munds knows, has never expressed his personal belief on the Suffrage question. But when Gov. Kibbey vetoed the bill on the ground of unconstitutionality, Mr. Sloan was a Judge, and he expressed his opinion that the bill was constitutional. I have not met him, as I have not been to Phoenix, and probably will not go until after Christmas, as I am trying to do the Northern countries before the roads fill up with snow.

I also forgot to say that the W. C. T. U. Convention passed a rattling good Suffrage resolution.

Uxbridge Nov. 28 - 1909.

My dear Sec: [I don't put our Boxes]

Had a note from Miss Blackwell Friday P.M. enclosing a check for \$100.00. I sent her note and also a letter from Miss Shaw to Dr. Gay with the check and asked her to forward to you. I wanted you to see both of them. Don't ever tell me again that the Lord does not provide - "sure" I believe in his power and the faith of women who work.

Have had some clippings tied up for you for some days, added a few more just now and addressed them so I think they'll get started. The Camera business seems about the only thing lately. Mrs. Daniels - a socialist neighbor of mine who has been doing petition work in our vicinity went to Lowell a week ago. She only got 100 names there (two or three hundred have been secured before) and she says the work is simply "rotten". The anti-prohibition petition was circulating the days she was there and she

The only names she got were country people and  
working men. The Eastern men tax payers would not  
sign her petition and one man told her they would  
not because they (the women) would vote for prohibition  
and don't you see Eastern expects to grow rich with  
saloons and houses of prostitution when that great-  
body of U.S. soldiers are at Dill. Isn't that a fine  
environment for the students of an agricultural  
college?

Well, if they get a vote on that - or if they do  
not, I am convinced now that we will have the  
liquor element to deal with just as much, or  
more, than if we had saloons. And we might as  
well make up our minds to it, and prepare for  
it.

Mrs. Sarbey was here a few days and some stormy  
days sets us back a little - Dr. Gay writes.

With love

Kathleen Piggus

329 York St. Newport, Ky  
Nov. 29. 1909

My dear Miss Celay:—

When your letter came this morning, I was about to write to you to tell you of a letter I had just two weeks ago today from Mrs. Fred Withers Smith. At her request I sent her 50 enrollment cards and about 100 leaflets; "What Ky. E. R. A has done etc." and some sample political Equality leaflets which I happened to have. I did not know her & never <sup>had</sup> heard of her and as she did not acknowledge the receipt of the package, as I asked her to do, I began to wonder, if I had done the

proper thing to send them to her.

Miss Emma Dolfinger address is:  
Boston Apts., <sup>Cot.</sup> ~~Miss~~ Finger and  
Cherokee St. Louisville, Ky.

The delegates to the National convention  
are:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Mrs. S. C. Bennett  | 5 Mrs. Decha Breckinridge |
| 2 Miss Laura White    | 6 Prof. W. S. Gilmer      |
| 3 Mrs. James A. Leech | 7 Miss Virginia Robinson  |
| 4 Miss Emma Haast     |                           |

The alternates are:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Mrs. M. C. Cramer  | 6 Mrs. C. B. Robinson |
| 2 Mrs. John D. White | 7 Mrs. Letcher Riker  |
| 3 Mrs. - Bergman     | 8 Mrs. Mary B. Clay   |
| 4 Mrs. E. M. Roebuck | 9 Mrs. S. W. Hubbard  |
| 5 Mrs. J. H. Shepard | 10 Mrs. L. A. Nield   |

I did find a pamphlet of the Ky.  
Federation among my papers and  
considered how I got it. I will send  
it under separate cover.

I was talking to Mrs. Shepard yesterday  
over the telephone and she told me  
that Mrs. Avery had sent \$100 for  
state work. Isn't that just fine?  
I think it would certainly be nice  
to vote Miss Robinson's two dollars  
for school prizes, and a polite little  
attention to her, to suggest that  
she offer it as a prize to the  
Louisville schools.

I have not done any work since  
returning from Louisville, except to



write the letters, the convention  
instructed me to write, as my daughter  
has been quite ill & I have had to  
nurse her. Her illness has not been  
serious, but very uncomfortable and  
we have made much sport of her  
as she waited until her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday  
to have such a childish disease as  
chicken pox.

Am glad you had such a  
delightful time in Florida. Have you  
yet found anyone for Historians? Do  
you think Miss East would take it?  
Hope to hear from you soon again.

Very sincerely,

Emma M. Roebuck

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

November, 29, 1909.

Mrs. W. H. Bradbury,

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Bradbury,

I take pleasure in sending you 200 of the enrollment cards together with a few of the Kentucky newsletters, which describe exactly the way in which the State Association desires the cards to be used. If you need any more cards, write to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 West Front Street, New Port, Kentucky. She will send as many as you wish free of charge. The State voted to send them free of charge, because we particularly desire that all the cards used should be uniform.

I am glad to know that your R. A. is going to make a concerted effort to get more members. I believe you will be surprised at the unexpected friends you find.

Very cordially yours,

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Nov. 30, 1909

M.D.

I found that you  
had been delayed  
en route without  
a hitch! I don't  
remember to have  
had such in course  
but I doubt, ever,  
in my experience  
as a house keeper,  
and the cold from

that you had been delayed  
eight hours! — I hope  
the engine broke down  
beyond Atlanta and that  
the buffet car was on so  
that you did not really suf-  
fer from hunger. But  
from I shall certainly give  
you a box of crackers and  
some fruit if nothing else.  
The Club Women are still  
talking of your splendid  
address and I trust it  
may bear fruit in interesting  
them in matters of civic  
importance. When we come  
to Kentucky in the summer  
we shall certainly hope to  
see you and in the meantime  
with cordial regards from Mr. & Mrs.  
Wells Adair and myself believe me  
Yours sincerely  
Wm. P. Garrison

which I was suffer-  
ing prevented me  
from going to the  
Kitchen myself to  
prepare a hunch  
But I promised  
myself that you  
would get through  
in good time and  
not feel the need  
of it. Fancy my  
dismay when I had

508 E. Winchester Ave.

Ashland, Ky. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

1909

My dear Miss Clay

You may be disappointed when I tell you that I did not go to Owensboro after all, so did not organize there as we thought that I might possibly do; but I feel that it will be better for me to have the practice that I will have here in

the Roman's Club, before attempting to organize suffrage associations.

I have been made chairman of the Department of Civic Improvement, and will try to acquire the self possession and knowledge of parliamentary law necessary to perform my duties well, and if I can do that, I think I can safely attempt - to do some organizing.

Meanwhile I am going to try what I can do by correspondence. I am not sure.

that my presence would add to my  
ability. I may get them as much  
interested by correspondence.

I will try, and will not forget  
to continue the petition work here.

I hope that you had a very  
pleasant trip to Florida.

Yours truly

Laura R. White



1807 Oak St.

Jacksonville

W.F. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> / 1809

My dear Miss Laura:

Fate and the Fairies  
(or shall I blame my own  
injudice?) have been  
very unkind to me,  
I went to bed Tuesday  
night, after you left  
me, and didn't get  
out again until  
yesterday (Monday) when  
I began to creep around.  
You see I am Mary

as far as possible from Club  
work, To a restless temperament  
like mine, that feat is most  
unwelcome, but I am enough  
of a fatalist to believe that  
"What is to be, will be" — so I  
submit. Your charming letter  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> was received yester-  
day and the whole family  
enjoyed it. Mr. Juniper  
and I were pleased to have  
Sugumar returned from  
anonymous anchorage  
and Albert was delighted  
to know that some of  
the shells reached Supuington  
in safety. But do you know,  
my dear Miss Laura how my  
conscience hurt me while

Bumell's age - nearly  
forty - and the  
Plebs women pass  
the crisis unusually  
early - consequently  
W. Douglas, who was  
called in, found my  
heart weak and  
my temperature below  
normal - so I suppose  
it is "up to me" to be  
"good" for the next  
year or two and  
to face myself