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WASHINGTON POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE.

Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, President.

Spokane, Washington, Nov.9th,1909.

Outline of policy of the Washington Political Equality League, submitted to the president and secretary, by a Committee of three appointed by the president Nov.4th, 1909.

"The policy or object of the Washington Political Equality League, will be, as its name implies, to work for the enfranchisement of the women of the State of Washington; to place women on a political equality with men; to make women citizens of the State and Nation; to make it possible for them to "enjoy the privileges," as well as "bear the burdens" of citizenship.

For practical work on this plan or policy to gain the object for which we are organized, our slogan will be "EDUCATION."

We expect to make an opportunity to put before each voter of the State of Washington the justice and importance of our Cause. We will do this by free distribution of literature, by lectures, and through the public press."

Respectfully submitted,

Laura M. House,

F. A. Noteware

Zittella Fassett.

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs

President, Mrs. JAMES A. LEECH, 1249 First Street, Louisville.

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Mrs. JOHN THIXTON, Owensboro,
737 Frederica Street.

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

Louisville, Ky., Dec. I, 1909

My Dear Miss Laura:-

We have at last received a request from a newly organized Woman's Club at Ashland for admission to our Federation. They ~~have~~ meet our requirements and four Committees have been formed. Laura White is chairman of the Civic Improvement department. These women have long considered this matter, and I believe they know their own minds on the subject and are ready for systematic work. A Club at Crescent Hill has also asked for admission. It is a year old and has adopted a proper Constitution with two Committees. I think this week will also bring an application from a Jeffersontown Club for admission.

The Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter D. A. R. asks us to unite with them in a service at the unveiling of the restored Boone monument at Frankfort while we are there next May. I believe this would be a fitting and wise thing for us to do, and suggest four o'clock of the afternoon of the day we are to have our Kentucky river ride as the least disturbing interruption of our business session. We have been asked to meet at any time most convenient to us if we accept the invitation.

Thursday night we are to have a mass meeting to consider School Suffrage. Col. Cooper and Judge Barker of the Court of Appeals are the men to take part, ~~and~~ Mrs. Weaver and I being the women. There seems much interest in this subject and we hope for a good audience.

Did you have a good trip and is Club work prospering in Florida?

Affectionately Yours,

Caroline A. Leech

A letter has just come from Paducah ask admission for a new Auxiliary. Enclosing initiation fees & a check for dues.

Lexington, Ky. Dec. 1st, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I received your letter yesterday and the club pamphlet, for which I thank you. Is not Mrs. Avery's donation delightful? I received a letter from Mrs. W. H. Bradbury, 433 Park Ave. Louisville, Ky. Secretary of the Louisville E. R. A. She asked me to send her two hundred of the enrollment cards, as they are going to make an effort to increase their membership. I sent them as I did not want to make any delay in so excellent a purpose and it about exhausted my stock of cards. Please send me five hundred cards, as many people will continue to write to me for them and sometimes I can send them more conveniently than you.

I have just heard from Miss Laura White. She has not go to Owensboro, and therefore we will have no organization there. She says that she has been appointed to the department of Civic Improvement in the Woman's Club and is going to try to acquire self possession and knowledge of parliamentary law in working for that, and then she can safely attempt to do some organization. She says she will try to do what she can by correspondence. She is such a fine woman, that I hope the Club will not divide her interest with us.

Very cordially yours,

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P.S. I met that Mrs. Teed Withers Smith at the reception in Louisville and she told me she was going to organize at her home, which

is somewhere out in the country.

Lexington, Ky. Dec.1st, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Roark,

I hope that you have seen some of the excellent newspaper reports of our convention in Louisville. The attendence was not large but we did a good deal of business. Miss Shaw's addresses and the others made a fine impression. I think the convention has given an impetus to our work throughout the state. Your suggestion about prizes for Suffrage orations was read and approved. Miss Virginia P. Robinson of 1710 Rosewood, Louisville, Ky., a lovely young college girl, resident of the College League, has consented to take the work of the prizes in her hands and the board voted $30 for that purpose. This is only a little beginning, but I hope it will lead to something greater. I hope some of the Locals will add to this fund by empowering Miss Robinson to offer prizes to the schools in their own towns. ~~Perhaps Miss Robinson~~

Perhaps Mrs. Roebuck has notified you that you were re-elected Corresponding Secretary. If not, please consider yourself officially notified now. Our Legislative work will be asking for: Co-guardianship, women on the boards of state institutions, re-enactment of the mandatory laws for women phisicians in the asylums, the mandatory clauses having disappeared in the Prison Commissioners' bill, a statuatory amendment granting suffrage to women. We intentionally abandoned doing anything about school suffrageand left that entirely in the hands of the Woman's Clubs. The women in Louisville told me they were working hard on it. Some of them had great hopes of winning legislators for it, others were not so sanguine.

I I spoke to Mrs. Weaver on the matter of which you wrote to me and she is willing to consider it favorably. However, she says she has undertaken so much work for clubs and other legislative measures that she can do nothing until after the Legislature meets, and she is done with that business. Then she will let me hear from her. If you have any opportunity of speaking to her, encourage her to undertake it. Don't fail to do so.

Mrs. Susan L. Avery has donated $100 to the state treasury and we are in a better financial condition than we have been before. Our numbers at the convention were 619, an increase from last year, which was 585. I trust we may reach 1000 by the card enrollment systembefore the first of January.

Miss Emma Dolfinger, Beston Apts. Cor.Finzer and Cherokee Sts. Louisville, Ky. was elected Press Chairman, in place of Dr. Louise T. Southgate. We thought this change advisable because we thought through her we could get an entrace into the Louisville papers, which Mrs. Obenchain never was able to do.

I received a nice letter from Mrs. Riker who has become a sta state member of the E. R. A. I have written asking her to try to organize in Harrodsburg. She was elected as an alternate to the National Convention, which I expect will meet in Washington, D. C. in April, when we will carry our big Congressional Petition.

Let me hear from you, when you can and believe me,

Very cordially yours,

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Illinois Equal Suffrage Association

Chicago, December 2, 1909.

Miss Laura Clay,

189 North Mill street,

Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:--

Under separate cover I am sending you for your own use, and as a little Christmas gift from me, one of the Votes for Women calendars which the Chicago Political Equality League has published, and is selling.

I am sending it at this early date, thinking that you might like to know about it, and tell your clubs and suffrage friends. The price is $1.00, but the League will allow 25¢ on each calendar sold, so there is an opportunity for a club to make quite a neat little sum by selling them. Orders can be sent to the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association headquarters, 934 Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

Wishing you the greatest success, and the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours most cordially,

Ella S. Stewart

Lexington, Ky. Dec.3/09.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

Yours of December the 1st is at hand.

Yes, of course, I give my names for admitting the Woman's Clubs at Ashland and the Civic League at Perryville and the Club at Cresent Hill. I also vote to accept the invitation of the Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter, D.A.R.

We are planing also to have a mass meeting for School Suffrage but our date and speakers have not yet been chosen. We are going to follow Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane's suggestion and try to interest every association of men and women in the county, little and big, by asking them to send representatives to a joint committee.

Yes, I had a delightful trip to Florida. Attended the Federation of Woman's Clubs at Palatka and got several suggestions for club work, which I am reserving for the Board Meeting in Frankfort this winter, and I also spoke to the Jacksonville Club. Both times I spoke on the subject of Civil Service Reform. I was pleased with the Florida Club women, though they are not yet so strong for Suffrage as the Kentucky Federation and I think in consequence not so progressive. Still they are doing much hopeful work.

Affectionately yours,

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[Dec 3, 1909]

Mrs Reed Withers Smith
West Point
R.R. 2

Yes

one that has 5 men
to help organize club
among them L. F. Witten
Representative of Meade
Co all so and attorney
at Law

Miss Clay.

Marlow, Okla. Dec. 3 – 1909

My dear Sec:

Take your old clippings. Quit your scolding. Juice as bad as Parkhurst, every bit. As if I was not at all times honest.

Am sorry about that clipping business but really there seemed so little in our paper – and I'm not been reading it much either. Am glad if Julia has taken to sending you items – there will be more in the Oklahoman probably.

Have just written Dr. Gay and added the two names you suggested and also Mrs. N. M. Carter. (I wonder if I wrote you that Mrs. Rhodes is dead)

I haven't thought of next years report. The convention is so far off, I may be dead then – and so will not have to write it.

All I know of Mrs. Offield is what was in that clipping. I asked Dr. Gay about the paper she had which was so funny but she answered as she usually does my questions (and I do not blame her) by not noticing it. Had a letter from Miss

Clay yesterday — isn't she the best-friend! As she said she had written you about your terms &c &c she understitly told you she had $600 in cash for us to begin work with.

Must hurry over to mail box with this and a letter for Dr. Gay enclosing Miss Clays.

May is off at a "sale" today — have to do my own errand boy. We have a "hand" now and our ploughing is commenced for next years "crop".

With love

Kate H. B.

Covington Ky.
December 8, 1909.

Dear Miss Clay:-

You will see from the enclosed what a large and enthusiastic meeting we had in Cincinnati yesterday. So many of the Clubs in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky had members present that I feel as I was chosen to go to Washington by those present, I had better do so. I think it courteous, however, that the Officers of the Suffrage Club should endorse my going, and I therefore write to you to signify whether this meets your approval. It was not a suffrage resolve, however, and as I was there unanimously appointed to go from Kentucky, I think I had best go and not risk a woman being present, through any delays that might arise through having to await the action of so many individuals and separate Clubs.

I am now writting President Taft asking that women shall be allowed to attend this convention, and that we should be given the right of a hearing before it ~~this Conference~~. I should have an answer very soon, as the meeting comes off within several weeks. I am prepared to address this Conference and "show up" the women's side of this divorce matter.

With much love to you, I remain

Yours very hurriedly,

K. T. Hooley

State Education
al Commission bill

VOTES FOR WOMEN

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Oklahoma City

Special Correspondent
Geo. R. Stephens
Oklahoma City

Marlow, Okla. Dec. 8-1909.

My dear Miss Clay:

Once more I thank you for your generosity to Oklahoma. And not only the generosity which prompted your offer of so splendid a donation, but the thoughtfulness regarding the time. I cannot believe that any other State has ever had as good friends as Oklahoma.

This bad weather we have been having more or less of for the past week or two must delay our work, but Dr. Gay writes me that if we get in by the last of this month we will be in time for a special election should there be one. Dr. Gay is making the necessary arrangements for the carrying of the petition to Guthrie and presenting it in proper manner to the Sec. of State and the Gov. Every precaution will be taken to have every form legally complied with.

I am glad to tell you that Mr. Dronaletter is back in the office of Sec. of the Socialists. He will be a great help to

us in many ways.

Mrs. Boyer is ready to come to Okla. whence we know what our Kate is. No one can do the work here as she can. She has had the inside information and the knowledge of so many things that no one can learn without much of the experience she has had. She is tactful and so much respected and liked by all sorts of people. Mrs. Upton thinks her so extravagant — But Mrs. Upton is used to living in a little dead old town where everything (except postage stamps) is so much cheaper than in a rapidly growing town like we have in a new country, that she can not understand. There are certain expenses that must be sustained to make a political campaign. But then you know all these things.

Very gratefully yours

Kate H. Diggers

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

*"If Ye Abide in My Word *** Ye Shall Know the Truth, and the Truth Shall Make You Free."*

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Lexington, Ky. Dec.9/09.

Dear Member of The Executive Committee:

I have just received a latter from Rev. Anna H. Shaw, dated December the 7th in which she writes: "Dear State President: My attention has been called to the fact that President Taft is moving in the matter of a universal Divorce Law, and that a meeting is to be called in Washington from January 17 to 19th, inclusive, composed of representative men appointed by the Governor of each State.

This is a subject in which we, as an Association, are deeply interested, not because we have taken sides either one way or another upon the divorce question, but we should protest as a Society against a subject in which women are so deeply interested being considered by men only. I think it is the duty of each State Association to call upon its respective Governor and ask that in appointing representatives to such a conference, one or more women should be selected. to act with men in this important matter.

If this is to be done, it should be done at once. If we act upon this suggestion unitedly, I am sure the result will be beneficial, not only upon this important question, but upon our whole Cause. I would like to add that in previous meetings for the discussion of the divorce problem, Governors have appointed women representatives who have taken part in the proceedings, so that this is not an entirely new proposition but it is one which should be followed up."

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I I do not feel justified in writing an official letter to the Governor, without ~~taking~~ the vote of our Executive Committee, and you will see the necessity of answering promptly, so please let me hear from you at once on this subject.

Miss Shaw has called for an Official Board meeting on the 21st of December, in New York, and I shall be absent for a week or ten days, about that time. I tell you this so you will know if for any reason you do not hear from me.

Cordially yours,
Laura Clay.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 505 FIFTH AVE. NEW YORK

December 10th 1909

Miss Mary C. Roark
Richmond
Kentucky

Dear Miss Roark

Will you be so kind as to let me know what data has been collected bearing upon the subject of women physicians and notable women nurses in insane asylums?

I shall be grateful to you if you will send in to me the names of all new Suffrage Clubs founded within the last year, with the names of their Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, and the addresses of the same. We are trying to complete a card catalogue of Suffrage Clubs. Also please notify us of any change of officers in any old clubs.

Thanking you for a reply, I am

Very sincerely yours

Frances Squire Potter

Corresponding Secretary

P. S.

Will you also be so kind as to inform me what is the best compilation of Kentucky laws concerning women and children whichhas been published? We are anxious to complete our Library in respect to such laws as rapidly as possible.

Eastern Kentucky State Normal School
Office of the President
Richmond, Ky.

December 10 – 09

Dear Miss Clay.

I think that the question of divorce concerns women as well as men and certainly their voice should help frame the recommendations made Congress. I vote – yes to petitioning the Governor to send both men and women.

Sincerely
Mary C. Roark

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Lexington, Ky. Dec.10/09.

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Personally I am exceedingly pleased at this opportunity of having Kentucky represented by a woman of much intelligence and able to present the question with ability. I am now writing to ask your vote on two propositions:

1st. Do you endorse the action of the Mass Meeting in making Mrs. Woolsey the representative from Kentucky, in case President Taft accedes to their request and permits the attendance of women? Yes if you cannot go

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2d. Provided you vote that we shall ask the Governor to send a woman as one of the Kentucky delegates, do you vote to suggest Mrs. Woolsey in our letter to Governor Willson? Yes if Jim cannot represent us.

Please write instantly on receipt of this letter. I prefer him.

Very cordially yours,

Mary B. Clay
Laura Clay. 1st Vice Pres
K.E.S.A. Asso.
Richmond Ky

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My dear Miss Clay

I feel at the last minute it will be impossible for me to be at the meeting So inclose

the Humbles Christian
to me.
Still nearer Jesus
I pray.
Sincerely Yours
Margaret W. Brown

[Dec 11, 1909]

OLD LADIES' HOME
SEVENTH AND GARRARD STREETS
COVINGTON, KY.

31 East 12th St.

My Dear Miss Clay:—

Your communication of Dec. 9 came yesterday—at least part of it. The part telling of Miss Shaw's letter and second page of your letter, beginning with "Governor, without the vote etc. I had commenced a letter the evening before telling you of the meeting in Cin.—thinking you might discover the important first page left out and I would receive in this morning's mail I waited to reply—Journ of yesterday came this A. M. and as Mrs. Wolsey sent you the clipping I will not finish what I commenced since any version was practically what the press had said and I wished especially to do what you have written.

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SEVENTH AND GARRARD STREETS
COVINGTON, KY.

I wanted to assure you that of Mrs. Woolsey's perfect preparation to represent Ky. in this matter and her ability concerning other qualifications. Mrs W. speaks well, in an even quiet tone, is not aggressive in presence or manner but has this subject so thoroughly, so legally in hand and is earnestly convincing. (Mrs. W. graduated at the bar) Can meet, I feel sure, any opposing question put to her.

Indeed I feel we are very fortunate to have a woman so well equipped upon the question represent us in Washington upon this occasion. I was at the meeting and seconded the motion to endorse Mrs. W. as a delegate. A committee was appointed to write to the President to ask for a woman from each state.

Miss Beck (a lawyer) was elected delegate from Ohio

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OLD LADIES' HOME
SEVENTH AND GARRARD STREETS
COVINGTON, KY.

Mrs. McLaughlin is on that Committee, just made public, Surely the Governmental investigation of the White Slave question will prove a great assistance to the New York suffragists - because they will or would have to fight 'Tammany Hall' in the Legislature - and a hard fight, too. The publicity of the investigation may stir up the good men, who will help the suffragists when they realize that Tammany Hall is fighting the women!

I have sent 6, 2c dues to Mrs. Upton.

Hope your trip to New York Dec. 21 will be both pleasant and successful.

Very sincerely Yours

E. Shepard

Saturday, December the eleventh.

1046 North St
Dec 11th 09

My dear Miss Clay

Your letter just recieved, am so glad you are pleased with Mrs Worley. Dr Lieves Mrs Worley and I arranged the mass meeting and things have been moving lively here ever since. There were a number of catholics in the audience and they were pleased, and you know they are in favor of no divorce at all they say.

One of the ladies who is to assist in writing the letter to Pres. Taft

to a personal friend of his.
I had written to Miss Shaw
as the letter was just ready to be
mailed when your letter was handed
to me I read and enclosed
yours to her so that she might see
how you felt about Mrs Woolsey.
She made a grand speech,
she improves all the time. I wish
you could have heard her.
The papers are interviewing and
asking for her opinions every day.
She made it clear to all
that men had no right to make
laws for women any more than
women had to decide things for men.
There were men in the audience
and they were very interested,
One was Judge Brice, and

his daughter, also a lawyer, She asked him to speak, he said she had said all there was to say, all that was needed any way. There were socialists, members of Labor unions, members of the Woman's Club, and all sorts of club women, besides many who were not in clubs, a splendid meeting.

I vote yes on both questions. By all means ask the Governor to appoint Mrs Worley. I most heartily indorse the mass meeting. Will not take time now to speak of other matters.

Affectionately
N. S. McLaughlin

[1909]

December 11, 9

Mrs. Mattie Coons,

Chilesburg, Ky.

Dear Madam:

The Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs is endeavering to have a bill passed by our next Legislature, granting women School Suffrage. The Woman's Club of Central Kentucky is aiding in this effort, and in order to bring to bear all the public influence possible in Fayette County and Lexington, it has invited other societies to send representatives to a joint committee.

I have been appointed to extend this invitation to the W. C. T. U. of Fayette County, and I hereby very cordially invite your Chilesburg W. C. T. U. to appoint three representatives to the Joint Committee on School Suffrage For Women. So far as the work has been outlined the duties of this Joint Committee are to arrange for a Mass Meeting to be held in the first week of January, time and place not yet decided, and to ask persons, both men and women, to write letters to State Senator Thomas A. Combs, Representative William P. Klair, and Representative Charles C. Patrick, asking them to give their support and vote to the School Suffrage Bill, which will introduced this coming Legislature. The next meeting will be held on Monday afternoon, December the 27th, at three o'clock in the Woman's Club rooms in the Elks Lodge on North Broadway.

I hope very much that your union will appoint representatives who will be present on that occasion. Will you kindly let me hear from you what action your W. C. T. U. takes?

Very truly yours,

Superintendent Franchise Department W. C. T. U.

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Dec 11(?) 1909

Miss Lowell

I do not write this to you in any spirit of forwardness but simply for information I know my child Lowa left money to the "Good Samaritan" for a memorial as she was so interested in, but I do not see her name you mentioned the hold every confidence in your judgment & justice to her memory which I think she richly deserved and perhaps speak of it as strange she is so soon forgotten by the public.

I hope you will receive this as I mean it, some good night

only for information from you I do know she wished to leave some token of embrace from the ones she was faithful to

respectfully

Mrs. W. W. Bruce

Hordon this morning as my hook trembles with sorrow and old age she told me with her last you had her key I sorrow yes sorrow will overright and wiped her tears

Newport, Dec. 13. 1909

My dear Miss Clay: —

Both your letters received. Sorry I was not able to answer sooner.

I vote that we do ask the governor to send a woman as a Ky. delegate to the divorce conference.

I do not vote to endorse the action of the mass meeting at Cincinnati.

I do not vote that we ask the governor to appoint Mrs. Woolsey.

I received a letter from Mrs. Ted Withers Smith, in which she says she has secured 17 names for the enrollment cards; nine women and 8 men. She says nothing of having any dues. Do you not think, I should write back her for the names and addresses of these signors, so that Mrs. Shepard could pay the national dues for them? I deferred writing as I thought, possibly, she had written to you. She also says her cousin L. Frank Withers, who is the representative from Meade Co. has signed and will be glad to do anything for us he can, as

he is truly converted.

Please let me hear from you. The new enrollment cards came Saturday and I will send you some in a day or two.

Very Sincerely

Emma M. Roebuck

Lexington, Ky. Dec. 13/09.

My dear Mrs. Hubbard,

I have not heard from you for so long that I am writing to ask you about yourself more than anything else. I had hoped that you would come to the E. R. A/ Convention, which was held in Louisville on the 11th and 12th of November, and I regretted not seeing you there. I suppose that you see the Louisville papers and if so, you must have been pleased with the favorable reports that they gave of our meeting. Miss Shaw made two fine addresses at the Convention, and on the Monday following, Mrs. Philip Snowden made a Suffrage address, having come under the auspices of another association.

A great deal is being said in the newspapers now of the School Suffrage Bill, which the Federation of Woman's Clubs is campaigning. The E. R. A/ is leaving that to the Federation, of which has taken it up as part of their Educational work and the E. R. A/ is going to ask for a Constitutional Amendment for full Suffrage. I feel that our State Association ought to do some work in Western Kentucky, but it is very hard to know exactly what to do. When Miss Benfield was with us, Mrs. Roebuck found it possible to make only two engagements, I believe it was, in Western Kentucky, and we felt it was not practicable to send her so far unless the ground could be covered more completely. If I had been in the State at the time, I think my larger acquaintance in the West section would have enabled me to do better than that, but after I got home

it was too late to do more. What do you think we had better do for Western Kentucky? Our cause seems to be gaining ground in favorable public opinion so rapidly that it seems to me that we ought not to neglect the Western part of our State.

I believe you have not been in Lexington, since I have been living in my own little flat. I would be so glad to have you with me here, and if you should come to Lexington at any time, I wish you would let me know.

Hoping to hear from you and to hear that you are in good health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

To his Excellency, Governor Willson,

Dear Sir,

The attention of the officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association has been called to the fact that President Taft is moving in the matter of a Universal Divorce Law, and that a meeting is soon to be called in Washington to consider it, composed of representatives appointed by the Governors of the States.

We believe that in the solution of a question of such vital importance to the home and the family, in which women are as deeply interested and as well informed as men, it is a matter of justice and sound wisdom that they should have a share in the discussion and settlement of the question.

I am therefore instructed by the officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to request and urge you , in appointing representatives to this meeting, to appoint at least one woman from Kentucky.

I am further instructed to recommend to your consideration for this position Mrs.Kate Trimble Woolsey, whose address is Covington, Corner Robbins and Madison Aves.

Mrs.Woolsey is the daughter of the late Judge Wm.Trimble, has herself had a legal education and is in every way competent to be a useful and intelligent member of the conference.

Hoping that you will comply with these petitions,

I am with great respect,

Very truly yours,

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Mrs.W.W.Bruce,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Mrs.Bruce,

I received your note yesterday. I am unable to say why the executors of dear Laura's will diddnot request the trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital to have some memorial to her, in recognition of her liberal legacy to the hospital. You remember I was not in the state, but was in Oregon, at the time her will was acted upon. If I had been here I would have gladly suggested that the executors should take some such step; and if you do not think it is now too late, I would willingly do so now.

I have taken care that her benevolence to the cause of Suffrage for Women shall keep her memory constantly before the people who love that cause. According to her will, I expend the interest of the legacy of which I am trustee for the objects of the National Suffrage Association; and I have the items of receipts and expenses published yearly in the Annual Report of the National Suffrage Association. In this way there are thousands who are yearly reminded of her noble spirit; and in the states where her legacy has been of help in the work, there are many grateful hearts who bless and revere her memory.

If you think I can do anything to have a memorial made to her in the Good Samaritan, please command me.

Very truly yours,

Lexington, Ky. Dec.14/09.

Professor Frances Squire Potter,

New York City.

Dear Mrs. Potter,

I have just received from Mrs. Mary C' Roark of Richmond, Kentucky a letter enclosing your own to her of December the 10th, saying that she thought I was better able to answerythe questions than she herself.

I do not know of any printed data, which has been collected, bearing upon the subject of women physicians and notable women nurses in Insane Asylums.

Under another cover I send you the latest annual report of the Kentucky E' R. A., which will give you all the information I am able to jurnish on the Suffrage Clubs in Kentucky. The annual report of the recent convention, held in Louisville on the 11th and 12th of November, has not been published yet. So far as I know, there is no compilation published of the Kentucky laws, concerning women and children. Such a compilation would cost a great deal of money and perhaps be inaccurate within two years, or almost as soon as published. Where one desires extensive knowledge it would be cheaper to buy a copy of The General Statutes and search out the particular laws desired. The latest edition of such General Statutes can no doubt be ordered from a good book seller.

The Civics Committee has ~~the~~ Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs has gotten out a little phamphlet, which calls particular attention

to some points in the law,and under another cover I send you a copy of it which may be of some use to you.

Hoping to see you soon at the Board Meeting in New York on the 21st, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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