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Marlow March 2 - 1910

My dear Miss Clay:

It seems a long time since your last letter came. I wanted to write you the very first letter I was able to write - and here it is. When your letter

came I was not even able to read it - of course Mrs. Boyer wrote you I was ill.

I seem to be always either begging or saying "Thank you" when I write you - and this is such a heart felt "Thank you".

Mrs. Boyer is so busy - always busy - and still obliged to be so many, many opportunities for work. It is very trying. The says calls for press material are unprecedented and almost beyond her ability to fill. I am so glad she is going to have a typewriter who was with her once before and is very good. Dear Miss Clay my letter

must necessarily be short - (as is my strength)
I do hope you can come to us later.

Thanking you over and over for what you
have done for us I am

Most sincerely yours

Kate H. Biggers

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March 4th 1910

To the Members of the Official Board of the N.A.W.S.A:

I beg to present as my second official communication to the Board the announcement that I do not stand for re-appointment as Headquarters Secretary for the ensuing year. My reasons for so deciding are as follows:

I came to the organization under a total misapprehension of the circumstances attending my engagement and the conditions under which I must work. As these conditions developed I realized that my special training and ability would not be utilized to any adequate extent, and that the purpose for which I gave up an assistant professorship in a state university was already defeated. The lack of harmony in the headquarters was inevitable and will continue as long as present conditions obtain. My career as an office secretary has been meteoric and arduous. The experience, however, has been of lasting value and I thank the Board for its confidence in my ability to put through an engagement where I had neither precedent nor practical assistance to guide me. I shall cheerfully impart the fruits of this experience to my successor, who will find things settled and systematized. I wish to leave the office at the close of the official year in April.

Upon my appointment to this position, I was known only by the President. Thanking the other members of the Board for the consideration they have shown me one who came to them a stranger at an emergency call, but who leaves them with regard and respect as friends, I am

Very truly yours

Mary Gray Peck

Headquarters Secretary

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WOMANS ERA

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NEW ORLEANS

Thursday,
March 5th.,
1910.

Dear Madam:

Under separate cover we have sent you copies of WOMANS ERA, and call your attention to the permanent Suffrage department edited by Miss Elizabeth Hauser, Vice-Chairman of the National Press Committee, New York.

The May issue of WOMANS ERA will be a special "Votes for Women" Number, with articles by Rev. Anna Shaw, Kate Barnard of Oklahoma, Mary C. Bradford of Colorado, and many other prominent Suffragists.

In order to bring this issue to the attention of as many of the Suffrage workers as possible Miss Hauser has suggested that we write you for a list of the members of the organization of your state, and if you will kindly forward same to us at once with a bill for whatever cost is attached, we will appreciate it very much.

Trusting that you will find the magazine interesting, and that we will have your kind co-operation in the above, we are,

Very respectfully,

Pauline S. Townsend

Palos Park, Ill., March 5, 1910




HERBERT S. BIGELOW

Dear Friends, I write to advise that **Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow**, (Congregationalist) of Cincinnati, Ohio, **Orator, Clergyman and Economist**, will make an extended lecture tour beginning May 1st, and closing September 30th, 1910. We will be pleased to receive applications for lecture dates, including Sunday addresses, for cities accessible to the following route:

Leaving Cincinnati May 1st, thence to Boston, Montreal, Toronto, Buffalo, Chicago, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis. Mr. Bigelow, who was for three years Secretary of The Direct Legislation League of Ohio, will speak mainly on "**Direct Legislation**." However, he will on request give any of the following lectures:—"Stealing as a fine Art." "**The Democracy of Dickens**." "**Benjamin Franklin, America's Most Representative Man**." "**Les Miserables, The Book and Its People**."

"**The Servant in the House**." "**The Melting Pot**." "**The More Abundant Life—The Power of an Idea**." "**Universal Suffrage**." "**The Taxation of Land Values**." "**The High Cost of Living—The Primary Cause**." The fee for these lectures is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) each, but we desire correspondence with all organizations wishing to hear Mr. Bigelow, stating definitely what they can do, provided they feel timid about contracting for this amount. In case of an open date that can be filled en route, a special offer may be accepted. We recommend Mr. Bigelow to you as, in many respects, the most pleasing orator in the Henry George School of Economists to-day. The audiences of Mr. Bigelow have compared him with Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, John B. Gough, Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. DeWitt Talmage, Robt. Collier, and Dr. David Swing. Mr. Bigelow has a message you should receive. Kindly advise me at an early date the amount of time that can be utilized in your city.

Yours very truly,

 104 **F. H. Monroe, Pres., The Henry George Lecture Association, Palos Park, Ill.**

P. S.--During March and April and after October 1st, 1910, Mr. Bigelow will be available for mid-week appointments in any territory east of the Missouri River. No Sunday dates during March and April, or after October 1st.



Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St.
Lexington Ky.

Mar 7, 1910

Alexandria, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Pardon me, for my sum-
ming negligence, but I thought
you would be anxious to
hear if we girls came out
victorious in our debate
on woman's supprage.

Am happy to say the de-
cision was in favor
of the affirmative. not

only by the judges but by all
present.

I certainly appreciate
your kindness in sending
me the valuable literature
which aided me so much.

Thanking you for your
exceeding kindness,

I remain

Yours truly
David Houston

March 7-1940

May 7, 1910

Their names list must
 will be a working force
 and a **Riker Place**
Harrodsburg, Kentucky center
 upon which you may
 depend. - And you will
 hear of it all later, and
 officially. I thank
 you very much for
 writing to me of the
 Board meeting. Mr. Moore,
 our General Federation
 President was the first to
 write to me that the
 State Federation would
 arrange the Mammoth
 Cave trip - but your letter
 was the first information

from our State Board.
Since then I have heard,
from Mrs. Mitchell and
have seen Miss Boyd.

I am very glad - and
I do thank you for doing
your share in having
our State even recognize
an obligation of any
kind to the General
Secretary - how soon to
meet so near to us.

Mrs. Leach has only
reported to me that
both the Governor and
Mrs. Pillsbury will entertain
in an honor. I of course
appreciate their courtesy
but I must say the Social,

part is not my especial interest.
Will you be in Cincinnati
in May? I trust so earnestly.

You know of the death
of Mrs. Perkins our former
President and my nearest
dearest life long friend.

That she spent her last
months of life with me, leaving
me in seemingly radiant
health, an - one day to pass
away into the beyond, and
thus early morning of the next
has added a shock to my
feeling of loss and sorrow

which I am finding it hard
to live above. She was hoping
to come back home after this
our last trip to Germany to
Bad Nauheim to complete the
cure absolutely - and we planned
to gettin much which we
hoped to accomplish, working
together in those interests which
had become so full of vital
consideration to us all.

When I can help you call
upon me. I shall have in the
future more time and strength
and I wish to certify both
Very cordially Yours friend
James Small Pike

Riker Place
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

March 7-1910

My dear Mrs Clay.

I wish to thank
you for your interesting
letter. You are a busy
woman and I fully
appreciate your finding
the time to write to
me at all. Your visit to
Harrodsburg was not
only a very great
pleasure to me but a
very great inspiration
and the result I find

has been a mediated
opinion in many
individuals - which
will tell strongly as it
gathers strength. And
besides this the very
disgraceful condition of
this Legislative Session
in Frankfurt has made
ardent supporters of
those who believed, and
strong believers, of those
who were either indifferent
or not even believers in
any work for Suffrage
of any kind. I may be
too optimistic, but I
refuse to see failure in

anything the women have
undertaken - May be victory
isn't just as we planned
it. but the victors have
advanced not in faltering
steps but in springing
bounds. I am sure it is
true. After you left me I
had a lightening up of that
misadventured bronchial trouble
which hung over me like a
suspended sword all the past
winter, and I was here again
for quite a while again. but
I feel that I am really gaining
much these spring days of
sunshine, and open air and
am going to shake, off all
claims to invalidship at once.

I could not get around with
the petition satisfactorily at all
but I am sending you
signed every card you sent
to me - and could send many
more if I had them - As I
will later. These will make
a beginning and we will meet
next week to formally
organize - The Mercer Co
Equal Rights Society according
to rules and regulations
Of course some will only give

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March 8th 1910

Miss Mary C. Roark
Cor. Sec'y Kentucky Woman Suffrage Ass'n
Richmond Ky

Dear Miss Roark

I have returned from my Western lecture trip and am getting ready for my share of the National duties at Washington. May I hear from you soon with regard to the following points:

(1) Is your state expecting to introduce any Resolutions at the National Convention, and if so, will you see that I have copies of such Resolutions before or on the first day of the Convention at Washington?

(2) Are there any items of national importance in the record of your state for last year which your state wishes to have included in the National Corresponding Secretary's report? If so, may I have these within the next fortnight?

(3) Will you kindly look over the Executive letter written by the Headquarters Secretary last October and published in "Progress", and report to me within the next fortnight whether your state has anything to contribute along the lines of national work suggested in that letter?

With cordial greetings

Very sincerely yours

Frances Squire Potter

Corresponding Secretary

I won't be able to go to Washington through my heart - it throbs

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Louisville, Ky., March 9, 1910.

My Dear Miss Laura:-

You remember

At the Board meeting in Frankfort it was decided that a Suffrage Club could be received in the Federation because it was non-partisan. The Woman's Suffrage Association of Louisville have applied for admission, but because of only fifteen cents permember after other dues are paid, it can only apply on the \$3.00 basis. What is your vote?

This is just because it will only have representation for 25-members -
A School Improvement League of Dawson Springs,

composed entirely of women, and a Musical Club of Louisville, have voted to Federate. Are you willing to have them?

also the Ladies Lincoln League of Hodgenville a civic club -
Very cordially yours,

will vote on the question next Monday -
Carloline A. Leech

I am asking all the women if they feel it would be expedient to admit the Suffrage Club. There is so much indignation over the Frankfort affair that many of the women want a veto, & this seems me. but I do not want to antagonize any other woman. for we must begin our work all over again. You know I only want to be just to all. What do you really think about it? I am just getting about, but still have bandages & a

Clara

Lexington, Ky.

March 9th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Riker,

I am greatly pleased to get your letter, with the cards enclosed of the first members of the Mercer Co. Equal Right Association! I am enclosing a few more cards, in case you should need them at once; but you can get them in any number you want by writing to Mrs. Roebuck, our Rec. Secretary, whose address is at the top of this paper. The state E.R.A. furnishes them free, so that all the clubs shall use the same card. Under another cover, I am also sending an assortment of literature,--the booklets are for year use, as a sort of books of reference; and the leaflets are samples of some that I think are best, of which supplies are on sale at the National Headquarters, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York. I suppose your new E.R.A., (of which I wish to hear particulars as soon as it is organized) will make distribution of literature one of its branches of work. I send a Newsletter, containing our plan of membership by signing the Enrollment cards. I hope you will not think we desire to discourage club meetings; but we have found that after the members have had time to study the aspects of the question which are new to them, and have compared views, and the novelty wears off, that it is frequently too hard for the officers to keep up a program that will attract the members to come to regular meetings. Then it is a great relief not to feel that the usefulness of the club is not declining, but that the members are still doing the best work, which is showing to the world and politicians especially, that women want to vote. They are adding to the "argument of numbers". Miss Linda Neville, our president, told me yesterday we have

just passed the three hundred mark in membership. We shall keep on trying to increase our numbers, and I believe we shall find we can come up to the five hundred mark. It is wonderful how much suffrage sentiment is growing every where. I think the fight of the Federation of W. Clubs for School Suffrage and its rejection by the Legislature is making sentiment for us. The only bill the Ky. E. R. A. has in the Legislature this winter is one for the Co-guardianship of Minor Children. Judge A. R. Burnam drew up the bill and it has passed the Senate. Mr. Wm. Klair, of Lexington, has charge of it in the House, and he promises that it will come through that House safely, and the Governor is in favor of it. So I am in great hopes we will succeed with it. We tried to introduce a bill for a Constitutional Amendment, granting women full suffrage; but though we found members who are suffragists, we found that they were unwilling to introduce such a radical bill, for fear it would injure their influence in getting through bills in which they were already interested. We tried only Democrats, as for reasons of policy we think we ought to have the dominant party advocate the measure. We ought to have some one promise to bring it in before he leaves home for Frankfort; and I hope our Ky. E. R. A. will make that its big Legislative work next time. We ought to pledge legislators beforehand. In preparing for this, by working up a good public sentiment, will be work for your E. R. A. to do.

I hope you will be able to go to the National Convention, which meets in Washington in April. I send you a circular and a Call.

Yes, I saw the announcement of the death of dear Mrs. Perkins. It was a shock and a grief to me. She was such an attractive woman. I believe every one who met her was charmed with her; and all the club women feel her loss. You have my deep sympathy in the loss of so valuable a friend. Alas, ^{Oh} friends grow fewer as the years pass on.

I am glad to know your health is improving. I trust our treacherous spring weather will bring no backsets.

Cordially yours,

MRS. JOHN LIVINGSTON LOWES

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St. Louis, March 10, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
c/o Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

The St. Louis Equal Suffrage League is to publish the Suffrage Edition of the St. Louis Times on March 31. Twenty thousand of these copies will be circulated widely throughout Mo., and you will readily understand that we are anxious that it shall carry the best Suffrage propaganda we can possibly offer.

Will you be kind enough to send us your photograph and a brief message of greeting, however brief, to the women of Missouri? Missourians love and revere Kentucky, and no name is held in greater esteem than yours. If you will be so kind as to do this for us, may we have your contribution not later than the 22d of March.

Faithfully yours,

May Howard
President of League of S. L.

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Dear Miss Clay -
as we are asked
to send all committee reports
in before the National Convention
April 14th. I am asking each
member to send me no later
than April first their report
on Church work as my report
is a summary of what each
one has accomplished in her
section in the way of interesting
clergymen - a church people in
woman suffrage as related to
Church work
Personally - I have had great success
I have addressed all the Municipal
associations of Toronto on the
subject and am forming a
local Church work Committee
there and hope to have on it
a woman from every church in
the City - I have already twenty
eight members representing

28 leading churches of the City
I have come to Buffalo to do similar work
here and am to address the Methodist
Ministerial Association of Buffalo
tomorrow a.m. and have already women
from twelve prominent churches pledged
to come on the committee

We are to meet at the home of Mrs Geo.
Howard Lewis on Friday to organize
and I hope by that time to have at least
twenty members - ready to take up the work
of extending interest among church women
I have addressed two women's church
organizations in the outlying sections of
the City - where not one woman present
had ever heard the subject of woman
suffrage - discussed - in an open meeting
and yet - Buffalo suffragists think that
the State and National Conventions meeting
here - had stirred up the entire City
there are thousands of women who have
never thought on the subject and the
forming of such a church work committee
as I am suggesting - to distribute literature
and arrange for meetings in the churches
will reach many of these indifferent women
I wish you would try to form such a
committee in Lexington - then the work could
go on in your absence

Hoping to receive a good report from
you and to have the pleasure of meeting you
in Washington in April - I am with sincere esteem
Yours Very truly
Mary E. Craigie

Lexington, Ky.

March 12th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I am very glad to hear that you have recovered very
from the injuries sustained from your accident. I have been feeling
very sorry for you.

In answer to your letter of the 9th inst. I vote Yes to admit Louisvil
Suffrage Association. Our vote at Frankfort justifies it, and I think
there is no sound reason to object. If you have objections made, however,
it may be more prudent to wait till after the General Federation meeting
and you may so construe my vote.
in Cincinnati. After that, perhaps the subject will be approached with
less fear by the timid. I think we ought to receive suffrage clubs on the
basis of one delegate. That will ensure suffrage not being a predominant
power, - at least, from the presence of too many delegates from suffrage
clubs. As a matter of fact, so many of our Club women are suffragists that
it is merely a form whether or not they represent a suffrage club. I
think this point may be profitably pointed out to the timid. I vote Yes
also to the admission of the other clubs.

I have not yet given up hope that the School Suffrage bill may pass.
I never give up hope of success; and a little circle of us are praying
for that bill. With God all things are possible. Mr. Klair promises
repeatedly to bring out the Co-guardianship bill and have it passed. That
was the only bill the E.R.A. succeeded in having introduced. It is Senate
bill 102, or House bill 166. Watch for it.

I regret you cannot go to Washington to the Suffrage convention. It
promises to be one of much importance. Hoping to hear of your continued
and rapid improvement, I am
Affectionately yours,

Eastern Kentucky State Normal School

Office of the President

Richmond, Ky.

March 15 - 1910

Dear Miss Clay.

I am sending you a letter that I
am not able to answer, not
being in possession of the needed
information. Will you be kind
enough to answer it?

Please tell me the exact date
of the Convention and state what
reduction you have secured in rates.

Very sincerely yours.

May C. Roark.

Mar. 16, 1910

Captain Lucien Beckner,

Dear Sir, in behalf of the Ky. Equal Rights Association, Permit me to join in the expressions of sorrow for the loss of your distinguished father; and in sympathy to his family in their bereavement. ~~Among many~~ ~~public services~~ to the people of his state especially ~~holds in~~ ~~very~~ grateful remembrance that efficient help ~~which~~ Judge Beckner gave in passing the Married Women's Property Rights law when he was in the Kentucky legislature in 1894. ~~By his~~ ~~prevalent~~ ~~prejudiced~~ and liberal ~~stand~~ ~~policy~~ ~~regard~~ towards that law. The women of Kentucky realize that it was very greatly owing to his broadminded and justice-loving spirit that they owe this liberal law. In the passing away of this noble citizen they feel that they have lost a friend.

~~With very sincere~~ With gratitude to the memory of Judge Beckner and with sympathy to his wife and other members of his family I am,
Very truly yours,

Mar. 16, 1910.

Hon. Mr. F. Blair,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I observe from the morning paper ^{Int. C. R. 55} that the Co-guardianship bill, has become a law. Permit me to ~~express~~ ^{express} the very hearty thanks of the Ky. Equal Rights Association for your successful efforts in behalf of the bill.

Very truly yours,

Laura Clay, Chairman
of Legislation Committee of Ky. E. R. A.

Please return.

Phoenix, Arizona,

Mar. 16-18.

Dear Miss Clay:-

It was so pleasant to receive your letter with all the information it contained about South Dakota and Oklahoma. I am so far away from the center of things that I do not get much knowledge of what is going on outside, although I know things are moving at a pretty lively rate here.

We have now more than 1500 members, and we will surely go into the Constitutional Convention with 2000. Since it

went out in the press
that we had more than
a thousand members,
the politicians have been
figuring a good deal.

Mr. Burns ^{He is the labor man in the} has it figured
Senate last winter, who said he ^{was} ^{out} ^{as} ^{to} ^{just} ^{what}
a support, ^{but} ^{his} ^{constituents}
counties we will carry
had pledged him to vote against it, ^{6/10}
and how many votes
we will get.

But since the Republicans
in Congress have quashed
The Educational Qualification,
I don't think Mr. Burns
feels so sure of things.

It would be a great thing
for us in Arizona if Congress
passes Senator Owens bill
eliminating saloons from
all territory within 25-
miles of an Indian reservation.

That would cut out - half
the saloons in Arizona,
and greatly lessen the

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opposition to us.

I have been spending the past six weeks in Maricopa county, going out to the country towns and precincts, and addressing club and parlor meetings in Phoenix between times.

I have not secured as many members in Phoenix as I would like, because in so many of my hearings I did not have the opportunity to ask for members. But I have gotten in touch with some very influential people, and I think they will be helpful when the time comes.

I thank the Business Committee so much for giving us a stenographer

as that now makes it possible for me to give my undivided attention to the field.

Mrs. Munds is making things move since she has the stenographer's services, and her capability delights me.

She is doing some fine work with the Miners' Unions. There is likely to be a Labor Conference soon, and we are planning to attend.

My next field will be Yuma County. My permanent address, however will be Prescott. I shall be so glad to hear from you.

Lovingly

Laura Gregg.

Lexington, Ky.

March 16th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Shepard,

Let us thank God and take courage! Our Co-guardianship bill has passed and been signed by the Governor. I saw the news in this morning's paper.

Now for the details. Mrs. Cramer undertook to see our representative, Mr. William Klair; which she did and secured his promise to introduce and work for the bill. I saw Judge A. Rollins Burnam, senator from Richmond, and he drew up the bill for us. It was introduced simultaneously in the Senate and the House. It passed the Senate first, by a good majority, with an amendment. Then Mr. Klair had the Senate bill passed, and it has now been signed by the Governor. The Louisville F.R.A. took much interest in the bill and Mr. Bernard Flexner in a speech before it made some suggestions about the bill as it was first drawn by Judge Burnam, which Judge Burnam liked and incorporated in it. So the bill has undergone the scrutiny of two first-class lawyers. It had one amendment made from the floor in the Senate. I have written to Frankfort to get copies of the bill as passed and will send one to you. As chairman of the Legislative Committee I think of writing a note of thanks to Mr. Burnam and Mr. Klair. We in Lexington are much opposed to Mr. Klair as our representative; but I think this courtesy is due him; and that it is best to come from the State F.R.A. rather than from the local F.R.A., as that may take part in any opposition which may arise to electing him again.

Have you observed the death of our good friend, Judge Wm. Beckner, of Winchester? He did much to help us get the Property Rights bill.

I am enclosing the bill of expenses of Mrs. Cramer and myself, which I know you will pay with a better grace now that we have won. We went together twice, and Mrs. Cramer went once another time. I also went another time; but as I had to go to the Board meeting of the Federation of Woman's Clubs I have not charged it. I think it did us good to be in Frankfort when many other women lobbyists were there, since all were in sympathy with us, and the legislators did not always know we were not on the same errand. I took opportunities also to see what could be done about our Constitutional Amendment bill; and as I wrote to you all through Mrs. Roebuck I found our best friends among the Democrats were not willing to introduce it for fear so radical a measure would detract from their influence in getting through other bills in which they were interested. I have gone to Frankfort several times with the School Suffragists; and in this way I have ferreted out several more good suffragists in the Legislature; so if they come next session we shall know to whom to apply to introduce our amendment. Now that we have the CC-guardianship bill I feel that the way is clear for the amendment. The other statutory laws we want are not so important as those we have succeeded in winning.

Miss Linda Neville is proving a splendid worker. She has brought our membership list over three hundred, and is still advancing. Fayette T.E.A. will make a fine showing at our next convention. Misses Mary and Margaret Brown have just closed a Lenten Class in Woman Suffrage, consisting of six lectures, which have proved very interesting. They are fashionable and charming young ladies, and invitations to come to the class were gladly accepted by women who had shown no interest before.

Please read this letter to the Newport and Covington Clubs, if you can conveniently.

Very cordially yours,

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Expenses of Legislative Committee of Year 1910/

January 13th. Tickets to Frankfort for Mrs. Mary C. Cramer and Miss Laura Clay. - - - - -	\$1.82
" " Street cars to and from State House - - - - -	.20
" " Two dinners at hotel - - - - -	1.50
" " Return tickets to Lexington - - - - -	1.82
Febr. 15th. Tickets for Cramer and Clay to Frankfort - - - - -	1.82
" " Two meals each in Frankfort - - - - -	2.50
" " Street cars to and from State House - - - - -	.50
" " Two return tickets on interurban - - - - -	1.30

Mrs. Cramer's trip to Frankfort - - - - -	1.30
Extra street car fare necessary - - - - -	.35
	<u>12.81</u>

Laura Clay, Chairman
Legislative Committee,

March 16, 1910

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Mar. 17th / 10

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

As the Chairman of the Conference
which reorganized Tennessee Suffragists,
I feel you are the one to consult on a
matter which is giving us some annoy-
ance and a matter we feel for the
good of organized work in other States
should not be countenanced, in this. I
have been confined to my room almost
five weeks now from an accident which
prevents my walking or using my lower
right limb and was not able to cope
with annoyances. Am now better.
As to the trouble, I have neither been
able to employ an organizer or to go
myself over the State. But have written
letters to different parties trying to have
them act in their own localities. Mrs. L.
Crozier French the past fall ^{me} wrote she was

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ready to organize in her town Knoxville. I sent our printed minutes with Constitution and all other helps necessary. She wrote they had organized ^{a club for} the first of Jan. and would have their Treas. send all dues to State in Feb. After that meeting and after reporting newspaper work also few other items of work, says they have voted not to pay dues this year. And further that we are a State organization in name only. And they think they can organize that part of the State better than we can. She has now left Knoxville, leaving her sister Miss Crozier in charge. And they claim is in another town. I had written her before her true character was revealed. to go to two or three near by towns (naming them) and organize a club in each. She has kept all dues

and is using them
as she sees fit. The Corresponding
Secretary writes they do not intend to
remain out permanently but
will pay dues perhaps next fall.
I do not know what steps to take,
as her methods are not only as I
see them dishonest but she is a
dangerous woman to deal with.
I am told by four women who
have had dealings with her she
is all of the above. I have thought
perhaps if I keep still she may do
some work which will aid the
cause, but she may also ruin
it in the state. She can do good
work I think. Her sole object is to
get all the financial benefit she
can out of it regardless of the rest
of us. If you have had experience
with such women tell us how to deal

Very sincerely
Martha Allen
(Mrs J. D. Allen) Pres-

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs

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Mrs. JOHN THIXTON, Owensboro
737 Frederica Street.

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

Louisville, Ky., March 19, 1910.

My Dear Mrs. Smith:-

I am enclosing the changes in the Constitution, which are to be submitted to the Clubs for endorsement. I found in the minutes of October that it was ~~desired~~ *decided* to recommend that one-half of the officers be elected one year and the other half of the number the year following. This action was not reconsidered so that I am ~~anxious~~ *obliged* to include both plans. The only omission is that of the nominations from various parts of the State, which will be more difficult and perhaps necessary if we divide the years of election. This was not ordered by the Board but through the request of various members. Will you give this copy, or talk it over by telephone with Mrs. Roark and Mrs. Banks, and then forward with this letter to your Aunt Laura, sending me your report from home of the three members there? I want to get the slips printed and sent out next week, so the Clubs may have them for consideration at the April meeting.

We are also sending out a call and the hotel rates at the same time. The majority of the women of the Board still approve the admitting of the Suffrage Association, and several of them go so far as to say they consider it would be unconstitutional to deny this right. It is also said that admitting the Club in no sense introduces the subject for discussion, or commits the Federation to it, any more than admitting a mother's club makes that the issue for other clubs to adopt. I have not heard from Mrs. Banks, and will be so glad if you will get her opinion and send it to me, as I am a little uncertain as to how much I should intrude upon her time.

Always cordially yours,

Dear Aunt Laura - Caroline A. Leech -
This letter will explain itself -
Ann is nearly well of Scarlet Fever - I have been in
with her for over 3 weeks. Hope you will be in soon
Yours Alice.

Mar 19, 1903

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

Article 3, Section 4-

Shall read, Clubs allowing their names to be entered in the Year Book will be considered members for that current year. Clubs deciding to withdraw will be expected to send a resignation to the Corresponding Secretary stating the reason for their withdrawal.

Wherever Executive Board occur Board shall be changed to Committee.

Article 4, Section 5-

Shall read--"The general officers and the General Federation Secretary shall be nominated and elected by ballot to serve for two years."

The President, Corresponding Secretary, two First Vice Presidents and General Federation Secretary shall be elected in the odd year at the Annual Meeting. The Recording Secretary, Treasurer, second two Vice Presidents and Auditor in the even years. The two nominees receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballot shall be candidates for election. A majority of those present entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

The election shall take place prior to the last day with the announcement and introduction of new officers following.

Section 6-

No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no officer shall be eligible to the same general office for more than one consecutive term. Each officer shall hold office until the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which her successor is elected. The Executive Board shall fill vacancies occurring between the Annual Meetings."

1807 Oak St.

MS Jackson Hill
Feb. 19th 1910.

My dear Miss Laura:

I have just been asked
to take charge of a meeting
of the Social Science class
of the Woman's Club on
Thursday, next, Feb. 24th -
at which Mr. Webster
Huntz, who has recently
been in Albany N. Y.
with his daughter will

address the class on
Thomas's Suffrage. I am
ashamed to have the dis-
cussion after his talk.
Could you, by that
Friday, send me some

literature or suggestions
on the subject?

How I wish you might
be with us to talk
to the class!

Cordially Yours—

Minerva Phelps Jenney

Lexington, Ky.

March 19th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Allen,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. I am fortunate in never having had to meet a case personally like that you describe; and any suggestions I may make are not the result of experience. I see you think that this Mrs. Crozier French might make herself useful in organizing. My advice would be for you to let her alone now that you have lost confidence in her. If you enter into any arrangements with her after this experience you would be in a great degree responsible for any thing she might do; whereas now your one engagement with her does not seriously commit you as endorsing her.

If the club she formed in Knoxville has corresponded with you through some of its other officers, as I understand your letter, I should cultivate friendly relations with it, and should not insist upon its paying dues until it got ready to do so. They may have much need for its money for local uses, etc. At any rate, I do not see that you are in a position to insist upon its doing so, and at the same time it is evidently important that your state association should be strengthened by any accessions that are possible. In reply to the criticism that your asso. is a state asso. only in name, I should reply that you have not had the opportunities to organize as you would like to do, but that you desired the whole state to be interested as fast as possible. Have you ever called a state convention? I think this is desirable to do every year, even if it has to be a meeting of only one club and in your own city, as I suppose you have not yet had other auxiliaries. Now that there is another club professedly auxiliary, I should arrange for a convention, say next fall, to which

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which this new club and any others which you may be able to form in the meantime, would be invited to send delegates, on the basis of the payment of dues, according to your state constitution. This would make a fixed date to which both clubs could work; it would give form and stability to your state Asso., and would make fine newspaper material. Mrs. Upton has told me that the newspaper work of the TENN. Suffrage Asso. is excellent. This convention need not be a very laborious affair. It might take only one day, if thought sufficient, with the election of officers and transaction of other business and public speaking in the evening, if possible, for the outsiders. The time ought to be chosen to suit the convenience of your home club, as I suppose it would have to bear the burden of it.

I am very sorry to learn that you have had such a severe accident; and I hope that you will continue to improve steadily. Are you going to the National Convention in Washington? I should so much like to see you there.

I am always glad to hear from you; and though I think I may not have helped by this letter, do let me hear from you from time to time.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

March 19th, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Potter,

Our state Cor. Sec., Mrs. Mary C. Roark, has sent me your letter of March 8th, with the request that I should answer it. I do so in the order of the heads.

(1) No; none that I am aware of at this time.

(2) I consider the fact that the Ky. E. R. A. has succeeded in obtaining from the Legislature just adjourned a liberal Co-guardianship of Minor Children law a matter of national importance. The bill is now in the hands of Gov. Augustus E. Hillson; but we have no fear that he will veto it. If such a misfortune should overtake the bill I will notify you. I enclose a leaflet which points out the bad features of the law which have now been corrected. The Bill was drawn up by Judge A. Rollins Burnham, senator from Madison County; and was introduced and supported in the senate by him. It was introduced and supported in the lower ^{House} Representative Wm. F. Klair, of Lexington. I will try to send you a copy of the bill later.

(3) Nothing has been done under the head of Political Settlement work. Other lines of work have been carried on in a more or less modified form from that described in the Executive letter. I enclose two leaflets, which describe what are our desires and what we have accomplished; and our method of membership, which we think is very successful.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

March 20/90.

My dear Miss Clay:-

I want to thank
you, in behalf of the
Sisterhood, of Maryland
Ave. Church, for the
instructive talk, you
so kindly gave us. It
was both enjoyed and
appreciated by all, and

I am quite sure some will
prove most beneficial in
our future work. Again
thanking you, for your
kindness, I remain,

Sincerely
Olya Davis
Secty