

Richmond, Ky.

July 1st, 1911.

Mr. L. E. Morris,

Sulphur, Ky.

Dear Sir;-

It is with pleasure that I enclose some suffrage literature; and under another cover I send our Suffrage newspaper and some other leaflets.

I am always glad to supply literature for debates, etc., on the subject of Woman's Suffrage; and if you know of others who desire such literature please refer them to me.

I should be glad to hear the result of your debate.

Very truly yours,

Brite-Lite
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Universal Coal Company

Buford A. Graves
Treasurer and Manager

Lexington, Ky.

July 2nd 1941.

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<p>My dear Miss Clay - Enclosed please find cheque for the rent and water bills - the rent for the four months ending June 24th, and the water bills through April - I will send you the water money for May if you will let me know the amount - Thanking you for the many favors you have shown us - I am yours sincerely, Lucia Harrison Graves</p>			



Elkhorn Lodge,
Estes Park, Cal.
July 3, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay,

The enclosed was sent me just before I left. I think Miss Shaw was wholly misinformed and as soon as I can get to a stenographer I will write you the latest developments since my last to you -

So please withhold your vote till my letter

Hastily,
L. W. McL.

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July 3rd 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Did you ever realize how much more money the English suffragists spend in their work than we do?

One of their societies alone spent last year \$172,000. Also, most of this money was spent for just the sort of thing for which we spend our money, and not for startling display.

Look at the following contrasts and you will see that mere militancy is not the chief difference between their work and ours.

MRS. PANKHURST'S SOCIETY, THE W.S.P.U.
(which is only one of seventeen English
Associations) spent last year:-

OUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION spent
last year:-

1. FOR PUBLISHING ITS PAPER
"VOTES FOR WOMEN" \$45,000.

1. FOR PUBLISHING ITS PAPER
"THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL" \$11,000.

We SHOULD spend at least \$36,000 in order to illustrate the paper properly, to publish it quickly, to employ more people on its staff; all of which will increase its circulation, thereby securing the advertising which alone can make it self-supporting.

2. FOR PRESS WORK, GENERAL
ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY \$12,000.

2. FOR THE PRESS BUREAU
\$3,800.

We SHOULD spend at least \$5,000 for increasing our work of getting suffrage material into the syndicated press of the whole country. The changed attitude of the press toward suffrage is neither accidental nor spontaneous, but is largely due to the far reaching work of the Press Bureau.

Local clubs get the benefit of all this work without knowing it.

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3. FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY
\$12,000.

3. FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY
\$2,500.

We SHOULD spend at least \$6000. Publishing literature is a business and as such it needs capital and a business manager for the department.

All individual suffragists and local clubs need literature but cannot afford to print in quantity; only a central association can do this to advantage.

4. FOR HEADQUARTERS EXPENSES
(not including salaries) \$27,000.

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(including salaries) \$10,800.

We SHOULD spend at least \$25,000 in order to maintain adequate quarters in a large city and to enlarge our office staff to meet the increased demands upon us.

There must be some one place in the country where all questions can be answered, all wants supplied. Both are increasing faster than we can take care of them.

THE W.S.P.U. has 110 PAID WORKERS AND A COUNTRY CONTAINING 41,000,000 PEOPLE IN WHICH TO WORK.

OUR ASSOCIATION HAS ONLY 17 PAID WORKERS (including the staff of The Woman's Journal) AND A COUNTRY CONTAINING 98,000,000 PEOPLE IN WHICH TO WORK.

THEIR TOTAL LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE WAS \$172,500.

OUR TOTAL LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURE WAS \$35,000. (Including \$8,000 for speakers and literature in campaign States.)

All this is work that only a National Association can do. It is work that must be done and our estimate of \$75,000 is modest and conservative. It is imperative that this money be raised.

There were last year over 75,000 organized suffragists in this country but our income from dues is only \$2,000.

One dollar a year from each organized suffragist would give us the income we are asking for, namely \$75,000.

If we had this much annually we could work instead of worry.

How much will you give, now?

How much will you undertake to raise before our Convention in October?

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Ashley

Richmond, Ky.

July 3rd, 1911.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. Stewart,

I am deeply grieved by receiving a copy of Mrs. McCulloch's letter to Mrs. Dennett of date June 28th; and seeing in it that you two are desirous of being excused from the Board. I am writing at once to beg you not to entertain such an idea and not to say so again. I feel that you have cause for deep indignation at many things which have been done; but I think your post of duty is standing by the Association now when its needs you in a crisis which threatens at least its National character. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ You must not allow yourselves to be driven out of the battle. I intend to stand, in spite of the evident intention to cut me out. Of course, I may not be elected, but it will not be because I refuse to stand the fire which is evidently turned against us by a faction. I doubt if that faction is as strong as it appears to us to be at this distance; but whether it is or not, I intend to resist what I think is a policy which will cripple the usefulness of the Association. If you and Mrs. Stewart, two of the strongest women on our Board, allow yourselves to be ~~hunted~~ driven away just when there is an attempt at centralization, it is bound to injure the Association from the very impossibility of finding other two women to represent the Middle West as you two do. Our inability to do so will be the strongest argument they can find to declare that the Board must be sectionalized. I earnestly entreat you to reconsider any intention you have formed not to stand for re-election.

I enclose the article I have prepared for the Woman's Journal. Please do not hesitate to criticize anything which you think will not be helpful, and return it to me. While I may not concur with your criticisms, I shall certainly give them careful consideration, for I feel we must all work together now.

I am wondering if you liked my last letter to Miss Ashley. One thing I do wish I had done differently, and that is, not ~~sending you~~ address-
 ing the letter to you and sending a copy to Miss Ashley. But I was af-
 fected, unwisely perhaps, by her insistance that we should answer quick-
 ly, even by telegraphing. I got her lett^{er} about nine o'clock at night,
 and had all my copies sent to the Board before midnight.

Do write to me and tell me that you will heed my entreaties, and
 withdraw your thought of refusing to stand for re-election.

Always very cordially yours,

I hold your view exactly about Miss Shaw's vote in a tie, and wrote
 that opinion to Miss Blackwell in a recent letter.

My dear Miss Gordon,

I am sending you a copy of my letter to Mrs.
 McCulloch and Mrs. Stewart, for I do not know what dreadful idea you may
 take into your head about refusing to stand. If the colleagues upon
 whom I so depend as you three leave me alone in the attitude which I
 intend to maintain my heart will sink, indeed. I earnestly entreat all
 of you not to desert the ship, now that it seems to be upon the breakers.

Always cordially yours,

Estes Park, Colo., July 4, 1911.

Dear Fellow Member of the Official Board:

I am sending this letter back to Evanston to be duplicated, as there is no stenographer for miles around.

The statements in Miss Shaw's letter of June 12th about Wisconsin must have come from Miss Wagner. They exaggerate Miss Wagner's share in the Wisconsin victory.

Mrs. Brown prepared the bill which she sent to Senator James. He and his now deceased wife and his daughter, Miss Ada James, had for many years been faithful workers in the W. S. A. and Ada, the 1st Vice-President of the W. S. A., was herself at Madison working for the bill before Miss Wagner appeared. Other Wisconsin W. S. A. workers were there. Miss Wagner helped to arrange for the Hearings because she was employed by Mrs. Brown. I accepted her invitation to speak because she said Mrs. Brown wanted me. I loaned her Illinois banners, etc., and wrote her about our Hearings in Illinois. I have in other years spoken with Wisconsin women at splendid Hearings before Committees of the Whole and this Hearing was not particularly different. I do not believe that any officers in either the new Wisconsin League or the old Wisconsin Association would agree that Miss Wagner was the "prime mover".

Newspaper clippings have been sent me by Miss Wagner, Mrs. Brown and others and I cannot feel that Mrs. Brown had a monopoly of the venom. It was teacherous for Miss Wagner who asked Mrs. Brown's permission to help in Wisconsin and who received money from Mrs. Brown, to go to Associations already auxiliary to W. S. A. to work and then turn all she could against the old Association.

I have no criticisms to make against the Wisconsin women who wanted a new Association. They were not paid by Mrs. Brown and may have wanted a change of President, as many people do when any person holds office a long time. The State of Wisconsin has been no more backward than the States which surround it except perhaps the States of Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska and into them our N. A. W. S. A. has poured thousands of dollars during the last fifteen years and during that time Wisconsin has had practically no help.

I say all this in behalf of my sister State from my personal knowledge from occasional visits to legislature and convention.

The last two days before leaving Evanston, I received letters from all Wisconsin factions. Mrs. Brown wrote in distress that Miss Wagner had arrived and had given out the impression that the National was paying her. I replied that she was mistaken, for no one of our Board had even asked us to vote on the question. I had not then received Miss Shaw's letter advising us to pay Miss Wagner. I suspect that Miss Wagner from some source knew of this letter from Miss Shaw before I did.

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Then came a long letter from Miss Wagner complaining of the coldness of the League women. She said, "Things are in a terrible state. Shall I fight it out or go away? They are ready to condemn me. The same people who were only too willing to cut loose from the State Association and follow my lead are now ready to freeze me out. If it is best for me to work with Mrs. Brown I can do so and forgive all the hateful things she has said about me. I can get the money and I can arouse interest. I have spent hundreds of dollars and a great deal of time and hard work in Wisconsin and I do not like to be driven out. If there is nothing else to do I can organize a new society. If Ada James were honest with me or if any of them were, I might know where I stand, but they are too cowardly to say anything except that they do not want me. Sorry to bother you, but to give up shows a weakness of character that is offensive to me."

She asked for an interview and I telegraphed I could see her at Evanston the morning I left. That morning, however, came two other letters explaining how she was situated. I will quote first from Ada James' letter received that same morning.

"Miss Wagner came up this P. M. and said Mrs. DeVoe would accept her work in behalf of the Association but the Board of the Pol. Equality Club said that if that were the case, we would keep her with us. So she has gone to work this P. M. and I am still wondering what it means. I cannot understand how they dared to take such a step."

I suspect that if Mrs. DeVoe made any such offer it was because she believed the National would pay Miss Wagner and that thus the war might cease. But really I do not believe Mrs. DeVoe asked her, from what I read between the lines. Here are quotations from Miss Wagner's two letters received June 30th:

"Thank you for your telegram. Things look brighter tonight. Have engaged an auto for the morning and am going out to get money".*****"The P. E. L. have at last waked up to the fact that I mean what I say and that I am determined to work in Wisconsin and now they are so afraid that I may go back to Olympia Brown, that they have requested me to stay with the League. I shall do so. If I should join Mrs. Brown's forces the P. Eq. L. would die out soon. None of them have been very loyal. I am sorry to have troubled you, but I was very much discouraged. It is not pleasant to compel people to do the square thing and it is not always possible, but I seem to have won in this case."

I have written Ada James that I believe they were deceived. I wrote Mrs. DeVoe asking her point blank if she did offer to accept Miss Wagner's work. I also have asked Mrs. Blatch if she had any intention of hiring Miss Wagner. Their replies and later information I will send when I have them.

When I return to Evanston, I will let Miss Wagner come to see me or will go again to Milwaukee. In the meantime my advice is not to hire Miss Wagner for Wisconsin. Neither Wisconsin Society has asked for her. I believe she will be an element of discord. If we have the money to pay any one, we ought to send some one who will

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devote herself to the work and not spend^{her} time in fighting other workers of either faction.

I may have misjudged Miss Wagner, but my information came largely from Ada James, an admiring friend of our own Ella Stewart and from Miss Wagner's letters.

Our Board has women of independent views and when you return your votes to me there may be as many opinions as voters, but from them all combined will come the wisest decision which I will report to you promptly. I will be here two weeks.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

Richmond, Ky.

July 5th, 1911.

Mr. C. N. Manning,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed an endorsed check for \$10.50, which please deposit to my credit as trustee in the Savings Department, Book #3383.

Respectfully yours,

Copier

Chicago, July 5, 1911

My dear Miss Thomas:-

Your continued insistence that the Resolution concerning Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck as read by Mrs. Kelley at our last convention was different from the one printed in the Minutes, has forced me, in self defense, to have the Resolution photographed.

I have written you twice that the typewritten minutes which I read to the convention several times and which were forwarded to Mrs. Dennett from Washington, contained an exact and faithful copy. This photograph proves that statement. This is Exhibit No.1.

Exhibit No.2 is in the form of some carbon sheets made by Miss Kennedy (Miss Shaw's stenographer) at Washington giving part of that afternoon's proceedings and the wording of the Resolution. These correspond to the sheets that were sent to Mrs. Dennett. Of course I have a complete first copy in my book of Minutes.

Exhibit No.3 is a letter from Miss Clay which may throw some light upon the way in which certain words are fixed in your memory which were not in the Resolution which I signed and which Mrs. Kelley read (I will ask you to return this letter; I have not even asked Miss Clay's permission to show it).

I may add that this statement of Miss Clay's is the only information I have had about a first draft. My own connection with the affair (up to the time of the storm) was so slight that there is no possibility of confusion in my mind or in my minutes.

I had lunched with friends that day away from the hotel, so knew nothing of the formation of this Resolution until it was handed to me after I was seated at my table -- I think indeed it was after the proceedings had begun. My signature was the last one affixed. I knew nothing of the plan for its presentation, but, when a few minutes later, Mrs. Kelley read it, prefacing her address, she said that later she would ^{not} have it spread upon the minutes. I then reached up and took it from her and it has been in my possession ever since. As I wrote you before, I did not send the original to Miss Blackwell; she saw only a copy and authorized the addition of her name in the printed minutes. Absolutely no one could have handled that document after Mrs. Kelley handed it to me except the stenographer, Miss Shaw and myself.

As I wrote you, in obedience to your motion order^d by the convention, I formally presented that paper to Miss Shaw to sign if she wished. She declined to do so. I took Mrs. McCulloch with me to witness.

At the close of the convention I stayed at the Arlington until Monday afternoon working with Miss Shaw's stenographer. We finished the work and I packed the minutes in an accordion letter file with all the reports that had been submitted by the convention and delivered the package addressed to Mrs. Dennett in New York to an express company. A few days later I received in Chicago a letter from Mrs. Dennett acknowledging the receipt of it. That was the last word I had about it before the printed report was issued.

Now I should like to be able to show the spirit which Miss Clay advises me to show; it is a high ideal of behavior under false charges. To be perfectly frank, I cannot quite reach it; it is far from a trifling matter to me to have a charge even by innuendo against me of falsifying records. You speak of having discussed ~~yr~~ this matter and your suspicions regarding it with several people. I do not know how many more, but it is very disagreeable to me to rest under such a charge in the minds of anyone, and I trust you will be fair enough to communicate with them as to your mistake. One does not have to accuse an officer of dishonesty in so many words, & mere statement that the records are false is a charge against the one whose duty it is to keep them true, just as a statement that a treasurer's funds are short would in the minds of ninety-nine out of a hundred people be a charge against that officer.

I may also frankly say that your effort to make me innocent by supposing that some hocus-pocus had been practiced on me is no more agreeable to me. It appears like an insinuation of stupidity, which is almost as bad as dishonesty.

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But I will try to believe that you have not meant to be so unkind; that you were genuinely puzzled by the discrepancies between your memory and the bare facts in the case, and that you will be just enough, now that you have the proof, to undo the harm you may have unwittingly done me.

Yours truly,

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 6th, 1911.

My dear Mrs.Graves,

I have received your letter of July 5th, containing your check for \$122.40, payment in full for rent and water to June 24th. As the water rate is adjusted among the three floors, this receipt is in full for the whole time.

I hope Mr.Graves' health is continuing to improve.

Please remember me to Mrs.Harbison,

Very sincerely yours,

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Frankfort, Ky.,

July 6, 1911.

Dear Friend:-

I have your name as a permanent member of the Kentucky Educational Association and I find that your dues have not been paid for the current year. Only the names of members whose dues are paid will be printed in the Report of the Proceedings and Addresses and this Report, which will be the largest and most valuable one ever published, will be sent only to the members who have paid the annual membership fee. Please make remittance at once in order that I may send you a copy of this Report. The fee is \$1.00. If you do not wish to continue your membership in the Association, kindly notify me so I may remove your name.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Vinson,

Secretary.

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July 6 - 1911

My dear Miss Clay.

I am enclosing herewith Miss Thomas' latest screed. You see that in spite of my statements and offers to photograph & make affidavits - she remains just - where she started.

So I have gone to the expense of having the resolution photographed, so she could see how clear the handwriting is, and that there are no erasures.

I should think that should convince her.

I decided also to send your letter to her to read. It is so conciliatory, and at the same

time so definite, and supplementary
to my statements that I thought
it would add great strength -
especially as she can see it - was
intended only for my eyes.

The only reason I hesitated
was from the fact that you
related that Mrs. Potter brought
the resolutions to you to sign.
Miss Shaw has had a good
deal to say about Mrs. Potter's
lack of modesty in this respect -
but I think that fact came out
before the convention, so I thought
no further "damage" could be
done by repeating it.

I hope you will not disapprove
my sending your letter on for
Miss Thomas to read.

I hope my letter was not
too severe. I trimmed the

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second letter down one half
in volume over the one I
first prepared - and cut out
a great deal of the righteous
wrath that rambles in me.

But of course the last-
few paragraphs show that I
do not feel her charges and
innuendoes as a slight matter.

I have labored too long
for a reputation for truth
and honesty of work to enjoy
the calm flinging about of
such charges.

If this letter, photo, and
your letter can not settle her,
I do not know what can.

I have your letter to Mrs. McCulloch
and me about our resignations.
I am willing for Mrs. McCulloch
to reconsider, and remain on the
board. But I want to retire.

It was only because of my stub-
bornness that I did not retire
at Washington. I was rather
under fire then, and felt that
a resignation would be either
a tacit-acknowledgment of a
guilt I did not feel - or that
it would seem to be mere feigning.

But I had no joy in trying
to work on the board under
present circumstances, and do
not feel that I have been able
to accomplish much, as a
member of it.

Mrs. McCulloch has only been
a member one year, so I
think she might stay, especially

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 as she has more influence
 with Miss Shaw than I have.
 with M. Carey Thomas dictating
 conditions, because she is the
 main source of the salaries
 and perquisites, and Miss
 Shaw so wrapped up in herself
 and - it seems to me - failing
 utterly in the national spirit.
 I do not see much hope
 for harmonious and progressive
 action.
 I want you and Miss Gordon
 to stay on. I do not think
 they will be able to dislodge
 you with a convention meeting
 in Kentucky. But, I predict

large eastern delegations, well
primed to put thro' a
lot of their "new" schemes.

We must do our best to
get big delegations from the
Mississippi Valley states.

I am going to send out a
letter soon asking the states
west and north west to join the
Illinois delegation over the Pennsylv-
vania. The railroad will stand
all the expense of sending as
many as I wish.

The Nebraska president - Dr. Fey
Phibbrick is a great woman -
level headed, big hearted and keen
minded. She has courage too, and
doesn't mind mine matters. I want her
to be there.

You know, I especially dislike
to hold office. Yet I am always

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7.

weighed down with them.

This fall I am deter-
 mined to give up the
 state presidency; and while
 the national really takes little
 of my time, it annoys me
 and there is no exhilaration
 in working on that board.

I want a complete change
 for a year; to be able to
 direct my efforts instead of
 being driven as I have been
 for six years. I want to
 do some writing and speaking
 wherever fancy leads.

So please do not urge me
to stay.

I think, also, that there
will be feeling against
two officers being in the
same city, and I am the
one to go - not Mrs. McCulloch.

Yours affectionately
Ella S. Stewart.

L. E. MORRIS

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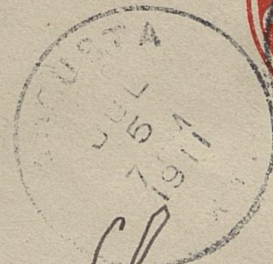
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Miss Laura Gray.
Lexington, Ky.

Kind friend,
I received the literature
on woman suffrage
some days ago, and wish
to thank you for it.
I won the debate easy,
although I had as many
opponents, Post Troop
Teacher of high school
here, and a young lady
student also, but I had
the argument. again
Thanking you for your
kindness I am yours
very respt L. E. Morris.

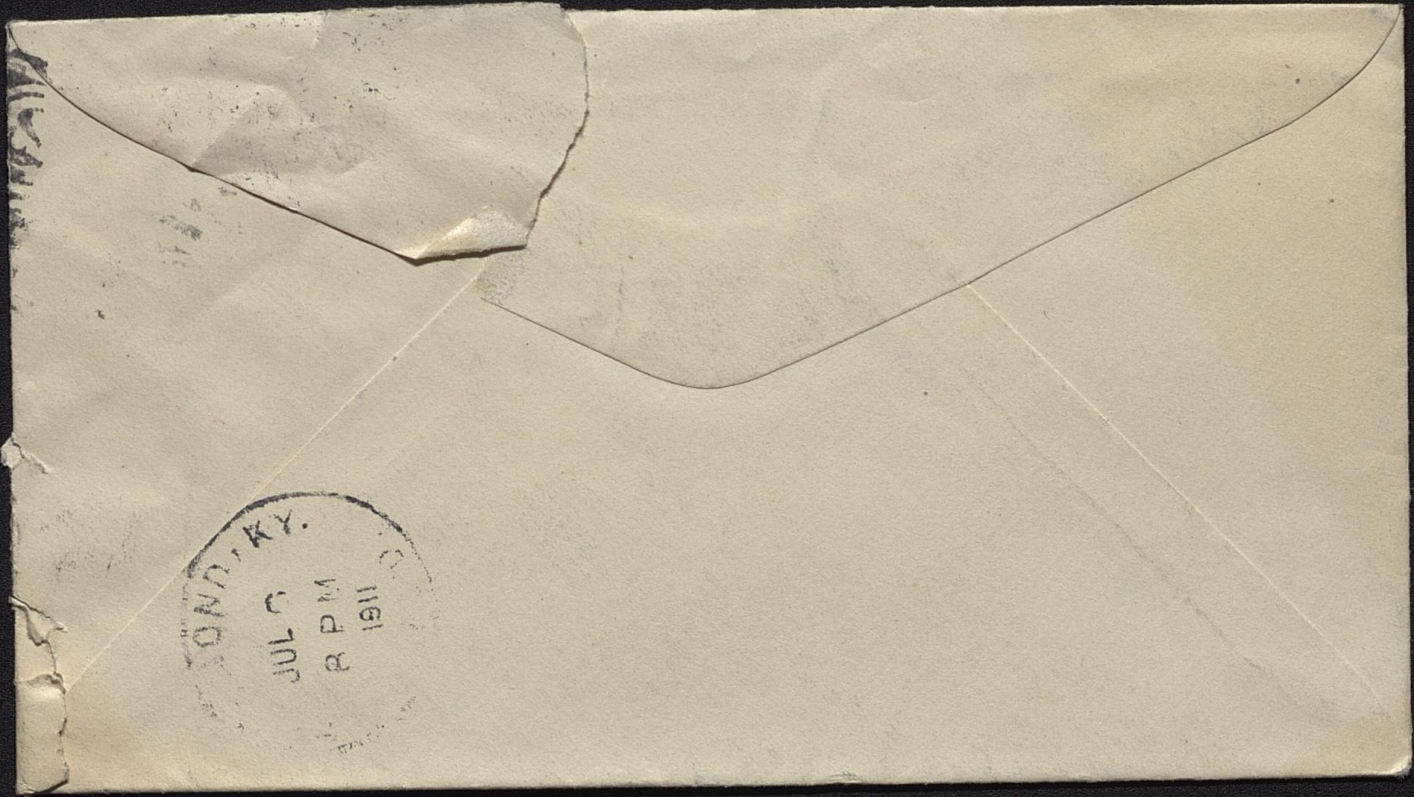
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AUGUSTA, KY.



Miss Laura Clay,
~~Lexington,~~
Richmond Ky.



LONDON, KY.
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Greetings from
Chautauqua

July 9th

Post Card



Dear Aunt Laura,

THIS SIDE FOR CORRESPONDENCE

THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS

Col. Bacon said I
looked like you.
Miss Brown a
Fruessville the wo-
man said she
wanted to hug you
and you were so
wonderful to you,
Eben -

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond,
Ky.

To Mrs. Jas. Bennett.

ELKHORN LODGE
ESTES PARK, COLO.
Mrs. W. E. James and Sons, Props.

July 8, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay,

I agree with
your Woman's Journal ^{article} ~~thoroughly~~
thoroughly. It is calm and
dispassionate and impersonal.
It covers the points much
much better than I did in
a letter I sent W. J. about
two ^{or three} weeks ago and expected
to see printed in the July 1
edition. It covers more ground too.

I also opposed leaving
out "American". I know you
believe with me on that. If
you do not think your letter
too long, why not say a sentence
about that too? One might as
well change Wauamaker's or Mar-
shall Field's names on their
various businesses.

I appreciate greatly your kind opinion of me and I am not "being driven out." I will be found shoulder to shoulder ~~with~~ you in convention making the fight to hold things steady. But I am not free as you are to come and go or even to write a midnight letter. I am crowded with so much suffrage work local, state and national that I believe that I could list as much hard work as even Mrs. Bennett did in her letter to Mrs. Hooker.

All this means that my profession suffers & my family do not enjoy having the matter so con-

ELKHORN LODGE
ESTES PARK, COLO.
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[July 8, 1911]

stantly preoccupied.

I am a well woman
but not as strong as many
and my constant work
is bad for me + my
children.

Then too I do not like
to be on a Board where
such methods prevail.
The last treasurer's ^{monthly} report
was for February + I
have given up asking
for one. I will however
try again. Miss Gordon
+ you hit the nail squarely
in your recent criticisms.
When we have a chance
to vote and are defeated on a

that she is also far as to how she spends her time. Wm. McCulloch
some young women under 40 on the Board to look out after the future.

straight issue on any
topic, I can submit to
the will of the majority but
I can not complacently
endure indirection, evasion
or concealment of important
facts.

Now I believe Mrs. Stewart
should remain on the Board.
She has announced that she
will not accept a reelection
as Ill. Pres. + she will have
more leisure + less responsi-
bility than before. She is of
the younger type of suffrage
and club workers + yet has
the stable qualities of the older
type. She is business-like, able
absolutely true and yet gentle and
tactful. She has no children + her
husband is away lecturing so much.

Richmond, Ky.

July 8th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Stewart,

Yesterday afternoon I received your letter containing Miss Thomas' and your answer to it.

I am very glad you sent me Miss Thomas' letter. In reading it carefully I have for the first time understood what she thought her justification for what I have always considered a most unjustifiable attack on individuals. I have made some light pencil marks under some words on the 4th and 5th pages which explain her view; *and that is that we were acting as an official board* As we never had any idea of acting as a board of course there never was any question of constitutionality about our testimonial. But other people may have looked at it as Miss Thomas did; for she refers to what the Sunday papers had said about it, and that she had called up Miss Shaw to inquire if it was possible it was being done without her knowledge. Observe now; unless my memory is entirely at fault the first document was not presented to me till Monday, after the presentation of the Big Petition; and I signed the second in the interval after the presentation of the Petition and the afternoon session of the Convention. This corroborates me in my supposition that the first partially signed testimonial may have gotten into the papers; and if so, that it met Miss Thomas' eye, and gave her the persistent impression she is under. Now another thing; I am glad you sent me the photograph of the testimonial; for with the light that Miss Thomas supposes we were acting in fact or tacitly as a Board, there is a significant change in the way the document appears in the published minutes, - *where Mrs. Avery appears first, as 1st V. President,* and that is in the order of the signatures, and the fact that 1st 2nd Vice-president is put after Mrs. Kelley's name. Very likely you did this *in copying* yourself, not attaching any significance to it. But when the point at issue is whether or not we were acting as an official board or merely as

as individuals, you will see that the order of the signatures acquires a material importance. Next time you look at the original I would really like to know if any such changes ~~xxxxxxxx~~ in order or addition of official rank are made into the signatures on the other side of the page. I am glad you sent my letter to Miss Thomas, if you think it will do any good. I do not see why you should suffer this annoyance alone. In a recent letter Mrs. McCulloch mentioned that you had received a disagreeable letter from Miss Thomas; but I thought it probable that she did not know or had forgotten that you had written me some time ago about the matter, and that she was alluding to the former letter. Otherwise when I wrote to you I would have expressed my feeling that you should not have to bear these disagreeables by yourself alone. I would suggest now that if your last attempt to set Miss Thomas right should fail, you might simply wait till Miss Shaw comes home and then insist that she take it up before the whole Board and let it be settled in some other way than placing you in a position for which you are not responsible.

There is another matter in which a word about your allowing responsibility to be thrown upon you may not be amiss. I am glad you wrote to us that you had overlooked the interlineation of Mrs. Belmont's lease; but even if you had seen it I do not think you could have argued from it that Mrs. Belmont was not going to pay the \$600 a month which she pledged publicly till the convention of 1911, with certain specified reservations, among which paying rent was not one. I am not surprised that she did not care to renew her lease of 505 Fifth Avenue, when our convention would come off only three months later; but the thing which has thrown us into this great trouble about headquarters is that Mrs. Belmont has withdrawn the money which the Convention and the Board counted upon. And now the officers in headquarters seem to expect us to rely implicitly on her promise to pay \$1000, though she has not asked to have this pledge made publicly as she did the other; and also to take for granted that she will

July 8, 1917

Notes on Miss Thomas's letter of June 24th to Mrs. Stewart.

1. On page 4th she says she saw in Sunday's papers that Miss Shaw knew nothing about the testimonial. On page 2nd she speaks of Mrs. Kelley's address as given on Saturday afternoon. It is plainly stated in the records, and the program, that Mrs. Kelley spoke on Monday afternoon. Miss Thomas apparently saw something which appeared ^{in the paper} before Mrs. Kelley spoke at all; or else her memory is not accurate about the times she heard the testimonial.
2. On page 6th she says she heard it read on Monday afternoon, presumably by Mrs. Kelly. If she depends absolutely on her memory, there is a discrepancy here. ^{after the testimonial was read}
3. She says that misstatements in a newspaper were the cause of her taking up the matter publicly. Therefore, when she heard the testimonial the first time she did not see anything unconstitutional in the matter or manner of expressing it. As there is nothing in the constitution requiring resolutions to be submitted to the Resolution Committee, and no precedent for requiring resolutions of respect to be so submitted; and as there is no evidence either in the body of the resolution or in the order of the signatures to convey the idea that the members of the Board were even attempting to act officially, Miss Thomas must find some evidence somewhere that such an impression was legitimately conveyed to the public before her act in calling the members of the Board to account for an individual action can be justified.

and I did not wish to intrude my
opinion which would be thrown aside
as was yours and Miss Gordon's -

C. W. McCulloch
Essex Park



VOTES FOR WOMEN

My dear Miss Lelay,
your copy of letter to Miss
Ashley is received. You are
generous to make such an
offer + that will probably bridge
things over. I made no answer
to Miss Ashley because I had no idea
she was taking a vote. I supposed she
thought she + Mrs. Dunnett were
authorized to settle the matter.



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FOR ADDRESS ONLY ☆ 5438

*Your letter is a model of
explicit English.*

*Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond
Ky.*

Richmond, Ky.

July 10th, 1911.

Mr. T.W. Vinson, Sec'y K.E.A.

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir,

The omission to pay my annual dues to the KyE.A. was an oversight.
I thank you for calling my attention to it, as I desire to retain my
membership.

Please find enclosed my check for one dollar.

Very truly yours,



THE DELINEATOR

LONDON - PARIS - NEW YORK

July 11, 1911.

Dear Madam:

On page 113 of the 1910 report of the convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, I observe a statement to the effect that in the year 1910 Kentucky passed a law giving women joint guardianship of their children.

Do you happen to have a copy of that law in your possession? If so, can you send it to me? Can you also tell me whether or not it was passed through the activity of women who wanted it, or by the interest of men who thought that women ought to have it? May I also ask you if there were any incidents of a character calculated to arouse sympathy which led to the demand for the law?

I should like to give an account of the Kentucky situation in a new department which is now being started in The Delineator on the subject of the legal relations of women. Possibly the experience of Kentucky, transmitted in our columns to many hundreds of thousands of women in other parts of the country, would lead to similar joint guardianship laws in those states in

which the unjust principle of the sole guardianship of the father still prevails. Whatever material you can forward to me will be used to the fullest extent possible.

Yours faithfully,

William Hard.

C. M. S.

Mary Roark,
Corresponding Secretary of
The Kentucky Woman's Suffrage Ass'n,
Richmond, Ky.

Copy

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 11th, 1911.

Mrs. C. W. McCulloch,

Estes Park, Colorado.

Dear 1st Vice-President,

I return my answer to the vote sent out by Miss Shaw June 12th; "Are you in favor of contributing from the Susan B. Anthony Suffrage Fund to the new Suffrage Association in Wisconsin to aid them in securing the services of Miss Mary S. Wagner in their campaign?

My vote is No. From what I learn from recent letters from ^{you} (Mrs. McCulloch) I think it unwise to support Miss Wagner, even if she were asked for by either of the two societies in Wisconsin, of which there seem to be grounds for doubt. Further; As long as only the old association of which Mrs. Brown is president is the auxiliary of the N. A. W. S. A. I cannot see how we can consistently offer help to a campaign in Wisconsin except in response to the request of our auxiliary. We have recently voted certain help to Wisconsin, but as I understand it in a manner which was perfectly acceptable to Mrs. Brown. I should vote against any assistance which was not given in loyalty to our precedents ~~of~~ co-operation with our auxiliaries.

I feel this view may be unacceptable to some members of our Board; but I beg them to exercise patience in view of the near approach of the National A. W. S. A. convention, which is the final authority. And as there will be a campaign of some length in Wisconsin, there is still plenty of time after we have had the authoritative decision of the convention to expend all the money we have for help in Wisconsin.

Very sincerely yours
Laura Clay,

~~Please consider second enclosure.~~

ELKHORN LODGE
ESTES PARK, COLO.
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July 12, 1911.

Dear Miss Clay,
Miss Ashley
has sent me the lease to
sign + I have asked her
to furnish me the evidence
that your conditions +
Miss Gordon's have been
met + that then I will
report facts and submit
to Board the question of
whether it will authorize
Mrs. Stewart + me to sign.

I feel sure you
will want me to be cautious.

I do not understand
why lease should run for
the ^{at} entire "17th floor" of which

I supposed we occupied
one third of about -

I asked Miss Oakley
about this - + will incorpo-
rate her information
in my next Board
letter -

I will write much the
same as this to Miss Gordon.

Yours hastily -

Catharine Waugh Mulloch

Richmond, Ky.

July 13th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. White,

As I wrote you, it was likely some of our Executive Committee would be away from home and would not answer promptly my letter telling of the invitation from Louisville to hold our annual State E.R.A. convention there on October 25th. So it turned out; but I have now the unanimous acceptance of the invitation. All are gratified, and feel that Louisville is the logical place this year. I hope it will be very useful to Louisville in gathering in a great many new members.

I received a letter from Miss Robinson in which she tells me that before leaving for her vacation she had found that the Seelbach proposed to give the Red Room (where the Governors met) to the National for their Executive Committee meeting; and that therefore she had spoken for the Art Room in the Library for the state convention. I think this was very kind and thoughtful of her; and I would like this arrangement to continue, unless a different one is made later. Miss Robinson thought, if we chose, we could give up the Library room in the fall, without trouble, if it turned out that our Executive Committee thought it best to go into an inferior room at the Seelbach. I would like the option to remain thus until I can hear again from my Board. I feel sure we would not prefer an inferior room at the Seelbach; but I think it possible that a large parlor might be secured for the National meeting, and leave the hall for us. If Mrs. Gamble is in the city it might be worth while for her to ask about this. The National only needs a room large enough for about fifty; but it does require one which can be shut off from the public and free from interruption.

Miss Robinson sent me the list of the Committees which have been appointed for the Convention; and asks if I have suggestions for any more. I am greatly pleased with the completeness with which every thing has been foreseen, and I can add no suggestion along that line. But I have begun to harp upon the duty of helping to get the Woman's Journal on a basis where it can be an advertising medium; and I predict that you will have to hear a great deal from me about that. I want you to see if it is not possible to add a lively, hustling, committee of several bright women to utilize the two conventions to get a big list of subscribers for the Woman's Journal. You see, until the last National Convention we had no direct interest in the W.J., and so we never thought it greatly our business to push it in the state. But now that the National has taken it over, we must build it up. It is a promising thing; for whilst the subscription list was less than 4000 when our enterprising business manager, Miss Agnes Ryan, took hold, she has now got it up to over ~~EXCEEDED~~ 15000 in a sworn subscription list; and has printed issues of 20,000. She says if she can get it to 30,000, it will be self-supporting, because she can get advertisements. I wish we could mark the conventions in Louisville by 500 new subscribers.

There is a revision of the National A.W.S.A. constitution to come up before the National convention which I think is very important for us to observe, and for our delegates to have a clear understanding of before they take their seats. The revision proposes so to alter the character of the constitution as to centralize the Board around headquarters, which will be in New York presumably; and then to give that Board such powers as, to my mind, will reduce the Association from its present National character to little else than another New York society. The proposed revision came out in the issue of the Woman's Journal of May 27th. I wish you would follow carefully the comments upon it. I have prepared some criticisms upon it myself; but the authors of the revision are first to state their position,

and then others may write. Therefore no opposition has yet been expressed. But the readers of the W. Journal in Louisville must not be misled by this apparent silence to suppose that the officers outside of headquarters are satisfied with the proposed change. On the contrary, certainly four of them, possibly five, are greatly opposed, and even alarmed, at the startling changes proposed; as they think the National character of the Association will be greatly impaired, if not entirely destroyed, by the changes.

Please express the thanks of the Executive Committee of the Ky. E.R.A. for the kindness of the Louisville W.S.A.

I shall be glad to hear from you when you have leisure to write.

Very cordially yours,

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July 13th 1911

Dear Member of the Official Board

You will be interested to know how the members of the Board replied to my last Board letter. I am therefore sending you copies of the telegrams received:

MRS. STEWART:

With the understanding that the National pays only six hundred dollars to February first for rental, you may count my vote yes, in answer to your letter of June 29th.

MISS BLACKWELL:

I vote for the proposed amendment.

MISS GORDON:

Vote yes, provided conditions offered are guaranteed.

MRS. MCCULLOCH:

I think your last plan better than your first.

In addition to these, Miss Clay wrote, but you have a copy of her letter.

This gives the approval of practically the whole Board, although Miss Shaw did not vote in person.

Upon receipt of the telegrams and Miss Clay's letter, I wrote to the agent of the building and he sent the lease, which I then forwarded to Mrs. McCulloch for approval and signature and for the seal. Thus the matter stands to date.

Thank you all very much for replying so promptly. I hope we will have no cause to regret our decision.

Cordially yours

Jessie Ashley

JA/MCB

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Amount due for Quarter Ending 191..... \$

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Received Payment,

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It is the purpose of the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral to put the finances of the Church on a thoroughly business-like basis, so that its fixed charges can be met without embarrassment.

In order that this may be done it is urgently requested that your subscription be paid promptly and regularly.

Your faithful co-operation in this matter is desired and will be greatly appreciated.

GEO. S. WEEKS,

Treasurer Christ Church Cathedral

We are greatly in need of funds.

Kentucky
State Normal School
Richmond

J. G. CRABBE
PRESIDENT

July 13, 1911

Dear Miss Clay,

The enclosed requires more accurate information than I possess for its full answer so I send it to you. I think this a fine chance to get our work published in the Delimitator. You may remember they wrote up the education work - very inaccurately - so it is important - you send the material yourself.

Very cordially

Mary C. Roark.

Please send the paper telling what you have done through the Equal Rights Associa-
for women in Ky.

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July 14 - 1911

Dear Miss Clay,

Either the stenographer
 or I in copying transferred
 the names of Mrs. Kelley and
 Mrs. Avery.

On the reverse page, my
 name appears first, though I
 signed last, then Mrs. Upstons
 then yours. all, except Mrs
 Kelley, wrote our offices after
 the name, but in copying
 these were omitted.

Miss Thomas in her letters to
 me first based her attack on
 the supposed omission of the
 words "efficiency" + "moral character"

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In the last letter her chief grievance seems to be that Miss Shaw wasn't asked to sign.

She has not replied to my last letter.

I will not announce in the Woman's Journal that I shall not serve on the board next year, but unless I am impelled by some greater incentive than now appears, I do not see how I can make myself continue.

I have been disappointed

[July 14, 1911]

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in ~~the~~ experience. There has been so much quarrelling and petty personalities ever since I became a member - The Seattle wrangle, So. Dakota - Mrs. Potter - Miss Thomas &c. If Miss Shaw were to retire I might be of some use - but I have no stomach to serve on a board with her longer.

This is quite confidential of course, but I have quite lost faith in her as an executive officer. I am impressed with her wiliness and determination to have

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her own way; her impulsiveness and her like majesty policy.

I am conscientious in feeling that I can not do my best work on the board with her at the head of it, and so I think I had better work elsewhere and otherwise for a few years.

However, I will help put up a strong fight for a western woman to take my place, and perhaps can make a better fight because

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it would be impersonal.
 Now this is really my
 frank, sincere feeling
 about the matter - more
 completely stated than
 ever even to Mrs. McCulloch.
 I will not say that
 nothing would induce me to
 reconsider. I haven't a right
 to say that until all circum-
 stances up to the election time
 are known. But I hope nothing
 will happen to make me feel
 that it is a positive duty.
 It flatters and cheers me
 to know that you and yours
 (over)

sister are pleased with
my work. I do not know
of anyone whose high
opinion I would rather
possess. I hope to grow
more worthy of it.

I am very busy now
getting ready for three Chan-
tagnas. In one I have
five addresses.

After that I plan to visit
every one of our clubs outside
Cook County - before state con-
vention. There are over forty,
so it will be quite a task.

I want to leave everything
in the best possible condition
for my successor.

yours sincerely,
Ella S. Stewart.

Richmond, Ky.

July 14th, 1911.

Mr. William Hard,

New York.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Mary C. Roark referred to me your letter of the 11th inst/, as she had not at hand complete data for answering it.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Kentucky bill for the equal guardianship of minor children.

In reply to your inquiries I beg to say that the law was passed in response to the efforts of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, which had been laboring for it for many years. We believe its failure to pass before was more from indifference and the pressure of bills desired by voting constituents than from any active opposition in the General Assembly.

There were no unusual incidents of a character to arouse sympathy which led to the final success of the bill. Injustices always follow unjust laws, but nothing of a striking nature occurred, fortunately, in Kentucky, such as the Narramore tragedy which led to the passage of a similar law in Massachusetts.

I am enclosing a leaflet which was distributed in the educational efforts for our law, which describe some of the injustices to which mothers were liable under the old law. Also, a leaflet of the Ky. Equal Rights Association.; and a list of states, as far as I know them, which have amended the Guardianship law.

Very truly yours,

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