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OFFICE OF PRESS COMMITTEE:

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

CAROLINE I. REILLY, CHAIRMAN

Dear Miss Clay:-

Do you know how I can procure a photograph of Mrs. Desha Breckinridge and of Miss Sophonisba Breckinridge? I have written them both, and received a letter from Miss B., dated Holderness, N.H., and saying she had none with her. I have heard nothing from Mrs. B. I am sure they do not realize the importance of this matter in connection with the convention. I can get almost anything into the papers, both here and elsewhere, but it is necessary to have photographs, as the papers insist upon it. The New York Sunday Tribune, which is anti-suffrage, will run a splendid story on Southern women and suffrage if I can only succeed in getting the pictures. Can you help me out?

This reminds me, that I have none of you, either, and if you could send me one, or two, it would be the greatest help to me. The development in the press work is very wonderful, and if I were physically able to work twenty-four hours a day I could use every minute of it to advantage.

Looking forward to meeting you in Louisville next month,

I am

Very sincerely,

*Caroline I. Reilly*



To Official Board

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 15th, 1911.

Dear Friend:

It would delight you to see the splendid efficiency of the Los Angeles Workers. It seems to me that no campaign before can have been so well organized, and be so thoroughly in hand as this is in this part of the State. The President of the Political Equality League, Mrs. Seward Simon, told me how grateful she was for the \$500.00 which had been sent her through our President from an unknown donor. She also said that another \$500.00 from the same source had gone to the College League. Is this the same money that was reported to be used by a letter received before I left home? I understand from Mrs. Borland, of the State E.S.A., that they are to have a \$1,000 from the Mary Anthony fund. This makes me wonder whether there is another \$1,000 yet to come. Our Board voted \$2,000. Probably the Officers at Headquarters have this well in hand, but I do not think that Mrs. Borland or Mrs. Simon knows that anything further is coming. Like all other officers they think that they need a great deal of money, and their own people have been marvelously generous.

I was astonished at my meeting last night to be greeted by Laura Gregg. I supposed that she was in Kansas beginning her work there, and she said no, that she was married to a Mr. Joseph Cannon a few weeks ago and lives here. I said that Kansas had asked for her, and I was sure that there was enough votes on the Board to send her, if there was money. She said that she was no longer in our employ; that her engagement was permanently terminated last spring; that our President had advised her to join the Chautauqua or Lecture Bureau Work, because it was difficult to raise money for organizations, and she was told that the board appreciated her services and parted from her with regret, but the organization department would now be closed, and that Headquarters would devote itself to press work and the publication and distribution of literature. She knew about Mrs. Monroe's objection to her work, and did not feel at all hurt, for her own opinion had been that the women of each State ought to do more in their own behalf, and depend less on outsiders paid by the National. She had felt that her dismissal might be some day the result of this sort of feeling. She was, however, not expecting it to happen quite so soon, and, of course, it made some little financial embarrassment, however. That was the reason she wrote the Treasurer several times urging that the amounts due her, long in arrears, be paid up at once, as she must adjust herself to the new conditions and find other employment. I was greatly astonished at this statement, and so told her that she could not have read the letters aright; that I did not believe that the members of the Board, outside of New York, had any idea that we could not secure her after vacation immediately for Kansas work. She said that she would not have disappointed the Board Members for anything, but she supposed that it was the feeling of the Board Members that she be no longer employed. I asked her whether she could not go back for a few months to Kansas if the Board so desired. *She fears* that you would not now want her because her growing interest in Socialism has so deepened that she has identified herself publicly with the Socialist Party here. She says that in Kansas there is a great dread of the Socialist Party, and she fears that this would lessen her helpfulness even should you want her to go. Of course, I was in no position to offer her any employment under any circumstances, and I think she does not want any, but I feel very sure that the Board was depending upon her for Kansas, and so I am sending you this hurried letter so that you who are in touch with the latest information of the work of our organizers may know what to do for Kansas in this emergency. ~~If~~ *She* did not have the letter to show me stating that the organization department was closed; I was anxious to see it so as to be able to explain it away, for I knew that our Board had never decided to close the organization work, and settle down to being a literary and book publishing concern.

Bath W. McCulloch



[Sept 16, 1911]

124 Garrard St  
Covington Ky

My Dear Miss Clay

I was made historian  
of the Ky Equal Rights  
Assn. What are my  
duties? Is there any  
thing for me to do in  
getting up a history  
of the movement in  
Ky.? What has been



done before by the  
former historians?

I hope the National  
meeting in Louisville  
will lend new inspira-  
tion to our cause here.

Very Truly  
Louise Soulbyati

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Sept. 16, 1941.

Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Miss Clay,

I do not understand at all this letter. If you do, please explain for I do not want to seem too inquisition. Please return the letter here where I shall return again next Sat. after another work of auto speeches.

Big meetings, good workers, great enthusiasm and gratitude to me for coming. I have wished some word of advice from you. I am keeping off the local situation and talking general principles

Hastily

Catherine Waugh McClodh



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CAROLINE I. REILLY, CHAIRMAN

Dear Miss Clay:-

In my desperation yesterday, I appealed to you for help in securing photographs, which I am happy to say came in the mail this morning from Miss Breckinridge.

Sorry to have troubled you in the matter, but as you always help out whenever called upon of course I took advantage of that fact. However, I hope you will send me yours as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

*Caroline I. Reilly*



*To A. Parker*  
*Hardwood Timber Products on Contract*  
*Timber, Coal, Ranch and Plantation Lands*  
*Alluvial Corn and Cotton Lands*

*Parma, Missouri* Sept. 16/11

Miss Laura Clay,  
189 North Mill st.,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:—

You will probably remember me as having been Chairman of the Peoples party in Kentucky at one time when you came with a Committee to our convention asking for a Suffrage plank, in our State platform. At that time it was deemed inexpedient to insert this plank, but among your strong supporters was Hon. S. M. Payton, who became our candidate for Attorney General.

Mr. Payton is now desirous of making an independent campaign in Kentucky for Governor, not to gratify any personal ambitions, or with any particular hope of election, but he has certain well defined principles he wishes to get before the people, and among them is Woman Suffrage, of which he is an ardent and able champion.

I would like to ask if your association would be in position to aid Mr. Payton in any way in a campaign of this character, and whether you would care to have an interview with him concerning the matter?

Hoping to hear from you soon and with kindest regards,

Yours, Very Respectfully,

*To A. Parker*



Posey Sty, Sept. 18, 1911

Miss Laura Clay

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

With pleasure I respond to your request to furnish you a copy of Mrs. Rowland's account of how she earned her contribution to our club. The contest was fairly conducted. Each contestant chose from the audience one person to pass upon the merits of the piece, and while there was much friendly rivalry among the contestants, all approved of the action of the judges in declaring Mrs. Rowland the lucky winner. I can assure you that the lady's story possesses the merit of being original. After the contest closed, we sold cake, ice cream, and candy, and thereby realized a neat little sum. Our president managed a well-acted play which took well with the audience. She charged an admission<sup>fee</sup> of ten cents,



and the amount collected convinced us that this is another easy  
and profitable way to raise money for country clubs.  
Again thanking you for your kindly aid in the  
behalf of our club.

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Cynthia E. Flanery, Sec.



**AUBREY INVESTMENT COMPANY**

J. L. MUNDS, GENERAL MANAGER

NELSON, ARIZONA

Sept 18

1911

My dear Miss Clay:-

Was delighted to receive your letter. I have often thought of you and would have written but I had in mind that you were busy and would know all of the actual baggage news from Arizona without bothering with me. Yes we are on the eve of statehood, I suppose and there is the old cry by a good many that it will increase taxes but I am willing to take the chances.

I do so hope that Cal. will carry the baggage amendment, and have written to a number of my relatives and friends there to work for the measure. All answers have been favorable, so far.

I should love to attend the Convention in ~~Portland~~ but don't expect to do so.

Now in reference to the membership question does matter. I should not advise it except that the conditions are as they are here.

It would have been utterly impossible to collect such a membership as Miss Guss



secured for me if one had asked direct. As  
it is I feel that the list is very valuable  
to me at present and also for future work.  
I have not yet tried to realize anything  
financially from their membership, except  
a contribution from one of the counties in  
one instance for local work. The man  
to whom I applied in that instance repaid  
generously. I have been asked to edit a  
sixpage paper for our state and am  
seriously contemplating such a step, and  
if I do, I shall call on this membership  
for aid. Now, Miss Clay, I am sure that we  
have done the right thing here in Arizona  
and I fully believe that we will be able to  
make good to the National at some future  
time. I shall endeavor to make that my aim  
however distant seems the hope of accomplishing it.  
As I have already mentioned, I have not  
attempted to raise any money by contributions  
from the Arizona membership, but I shall  
do so, and if possible, send you the result  
in time for the convention.

The chief merit of the enrollment system  
is in my mind, the necessity of securing  
the names and addresses of sixpage  
sympathizers in a country where there is



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practically no suffrage work being done  
as is the case in Arizona. It seems  
to me to be the very system we need here  
I can't tell you how much I appreciated  
Miss Gregg and how much she helped me.  
We were before the Constitutional Convention  
held Oct - Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914. We used every  
effort to get our measure in the constitution  
but so many radical things were proposed  
~~and~~ only three things that were made  
party measures were finally adopted.

We have got a good constitution with the  
Initiative and Referendum which will enable  
us to institute the measure any time we wish.  
If they had put woman suffrage in the constitution  
I expect Mr. Tagg would have had several more  
opponents than I he did have over it.

We are quietly watching the state candidates  
for office and shall use our best efforts  
to elect suffrage men. Miss Gregg and I  
were before the Labor Convention last year  
and secured a suffrage plank in their



platform. The other two parties did not  
hold territorial conventions but we tried to  
have a suffrage plank put in the county  
platform, but did not succeed in a  
single instance, although neither she  
nor I appeared at any of these conventions  
I believe that if a strong body of suffrage women  
were to go before the convention in each  
county and work for a suffrage plank, they  
could get it, and we will try it over  
again. Oh I love the battle, and if I  
could only give my whole time to the work  
I know we could win. There seems to be  
other demands on my time, and I cannot  
give it my time and thought as I wish.

Miss Gregg was married in Los Angeles last  
month to Joe Cannon a socialist leader  
and a fine man. She writes me that  
she will work for suffrage through the  
socialist party in the future. She will  
do all she can to help me any time I ask it.  
She is a jewel and is very happy.

Many of the ladies ask about you often,  
and all speak so nicely of you. I hope you  
will come to me again.

My address is  
always, Presenc.

With best love

Frances W. Mondé



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

September 18, 1911.

Dear State President:

This is a second reminder to make sure about the preparation of the Annual Report from your state, which is to be read at the Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, next October (19th to 25th inclusive).

According to a previous decision, three minutes is to be allowed for these reports, - five minutes if legislative work has been done, and ten minutes for the states which have campaigns in progress.

It is the special request of the Board that the reports shall be as concrete as possible and that they do not record any events previous to last year's convention, and that they cover the following points:-

(1) the increase in membership; (2) the kinds of work carried on; (3) the most successful method used; (4) the most promising method for the future; (5) the amount of money raised; (6) the progress of political district organization.

Kindly see that one copy is sent here to Headquarters so that it will arrive not later than October 12th, keeping a copy yourself for use at the Convention.

Hoping your state will send a large and enthusiastic delegation,.....

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Ware Dennett*

Corresponding Secretary.



Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 18th, 1911.

Mrs. Mary Holland Kincaid,

New York City.

Dear Madam,

I have just received the copy of Hon. I. N. Stevens' book, "The American Suffragette", as I have been absent from Lexington for some time, and the book was delivered at my address here.

I thank you for sending it; and it will give me pleasure to read it, and help to call attention to it both at the National and the State conventions. I think a pleasant, readable book, as I have seen this described, will fill a useful place in suffrage literature.

I am

Very truly yours,



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September 19, 1911

My dear Miss Cay, As the time approaches for the Convention I wish to write you a few lines in regard to the Press-work. I have gotten things well in hand and from now on until the Convention the news will be regularly published. The newspapers were all unwilling to begin on the Convention "write-ups" sooner, wishing to wait until the subject became one of local news. I have been in weekly correspondence with Miss Reilly, the National Press Chairman who has been unfailingly courteous and generous in her co-operation. Until recently, however, she has been unable to furnish me the kind of material necessary to properly advertise the Convention, owing as she explains, to the numerous annoyances and delays with which she meets on all sides in getting the material together. We have



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However, had a number of good articles in the Louisville Herald, and from now on until the Convention I expect to have regular news in all the Louisville papers. We are rapidly getting together the personal sketches & photographs of the speakers & prominent people who will attend the Convention, and this is the kind of material the newspapers have agreed to accept. A sketch & photograph of Miss Harriet May Mills, president N.Y. State Suffrage Assn. will appear in one of the Louisville papers this week, I think the Times. Following this I shall have published sketches & photographs, of Miss M. Carey Thomas, Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, Dr. Wiley, Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Lesta Bucksmirde, Miss Soproniska Bucksmirde, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Hooker and a number of others. So you see I hope to have plenty of news published to prepare the way for the Convention. As per your advice, I am confining my efforts to the Louisville papers, which are difficult enough to handle. I presume the smaller papers will copy. Owing to Mr. Patterson's opposition to woman Suffrage, which I



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understand is pronounced, the Courier-Journal is reluctant to accept the supposed material at once, preferring to wait, as they explain until a few days before the Convention when the matter will be a subject of local news. I hope, however, to persuade the Managing Editor to begin publishing our "stories" at once. I happen at this time to be in what is known as an "interesting" condition, & though enjoying perfect health, I am somewhat hampered in getting around. I had considered resigning my position as Press Chairman as I did not wish the work to suffer at this important time. Instead however I have made satisfactory arrangements by which I have delegated some of the work to representatives in Louisville. I am fully able to do such work as can be done at my desk, which will not require my going to Louisville, <sup>or office,</sup> and I was willing to keep up the supervision of the Press work if I could get some one to do the running after the papers. This I got Miss Bertha M. Flexner to do, at the suggestion of Miss Lib, who recommended her. Miss Flexner seems efficient & enthusiastic, & she has made some good arrangements for me & we have a person on each paper who promises to look after the work. All the press material is sent by Miss Reilly first to me. I look it over,



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add to it where it is necessary, decide on its distribution among the several papers, & send it in to Trip Flexner who simply carries out my instructions. I think with this arrangement the work should progress well. The suffrage press-work is difficult & discouraging in Louisville, but I think the situation is improving. If you could send me a photograph & short sketch of yourself, I should be grateful, as the papers would gladly accept it and it would be good matter to advertise the Convention throughout the state.

Frustrating that my ideas about the press work met with your approval & that you will favor me with any suggestions which may occur to you

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Margaret H. Castleman

Address,  
Mrs. Samuel T. Castleman  
Shelbyville  
Kentucky.



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

September 19, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am putting on my thinking cap, or rather my memory cap, and will try to state accurately my knowledge or lack of knowledge regarding the Belmont lease.

As far as I can remember, the only question regarding the lease that troubled me was whether it was in such shape that we could not be turned out at a week's notice if any one were minded to do so. I don't remember that I gave the matter another thought, except to pay rent. I took it for granted that the lease, or contract or whatever the paper was, was in proper form since it had of course been passed upon by Mrs. McCulloch, and I don't remember anything about any interlineations. I think I took it for granted that Mrs. Belmont's own lease ran until October 1st, 1911, because it is unusual in New York for leases to expire at any other time, except that sometimes they expire the first of May.

When the time came that Mrs. Belmont had to give her answer as to whether or not she would renew her lease at 505 Fifth Avenue—this was sometime in April 1911—I learned that her lease and therefore ours expired on August first, she decided not to renew and our problem was upon us. About this same time, she decided not to continue her contributions to the National, but to give \$1000 toward the rent instead.

Now I don't to assert that I didn't know anything about the interlineations before the time I mention, because it is quite possible I did. All I can say is I retained no impression of them. I was a total stranger to the National work, quite unfamiliar with the methods of the Board and I was at the time chiefly impressed by the great responsibility the Association had undertaken of paying the bills of the Woman's Journal without any provision having been made at the Convention for doing so.

You will therefore see that at least part of my manifold shortcomings (and I have no wish to deny them) was the result of being too suddenly plunged into a confusion of all sorts of claims upon the treasurer, these claims being at first merely names to me.

Your letter seems to convey the impression that I am too blame for not having informed myself and then you of the interlineations, this may be true, but in that case may I not claim that it was equally the duty of Mrs. Stewart to inform herself about the paper she filed away? Was it not equally the duty of Mrs. McCulloch to report what she found in the document and was it not her duty to insist upon seeing the said document



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before it was filed?

I am quite ready to bear the blame of any misdeed of mine, only it seems to me hardly fair for you, who have been upon the Board so long, to exact of new members that they should divine your point of view on such matters under penalty of being described as "neglecting" or "rejecting" such actions as you happen to deem essential. In my opinion it was no part of my duty to overhaul all the information put before the Convention before I took office and to report to the Board interlineations or terms or what not, that were at all times within reach of the other members of the Board quite as easily as they were within mine. And why the people at Headquarters must have known about a paper that was in Chicago while the person in charge of the paper has to wait to be "informed" of its contents, is more than I can understand.

However, the Convention will soon be here now and then we can all talk to our hearts' content and be happy forever after. Fortunately ~~the~~ Headquarters officers are not an incubus of eternal duration.

Yours truly,

Jessie Ashley



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My dear Miss Clay:

I am at loss to understand your reason for or your version of the facts upon which you base what seems like quite a formidable arraignment of the officers at Headquarters.

I can only assure you that I printed the Minutes containing Mrs. Belmont's pledge exactly in the form in which I received them from Mrs. Stewart. If I remember correctly all the material was in a folder together, and I have no recollection of ever seeing the original document. I know that I had no thought of an upheaval here at Headquarters, and it was not until the news came--in the middle of April--that Mrs. Belmont planned to move her own offices away, that we had any thought or talk of the possible necessity of moving our own Headquarters. This was after the Convention date was settled and after the majority of the Board voted not to hold a meeting, and here it must be remembered that Miss Shaw, Miss Ashley and I all voted in favor of a Spring meeting. So that your inference that we had any desire whatever to suppress any facts that had a bearing on the Convention or the Headquarters question seems to me to be quite without foundation.

I cannot remember just when I knew or realized that Mrs. Belmont's pledge expired August first, but I do know that the first time I realized that it would have to make any difference in our plans, was when she decided to move her own offices away, for the sake of enlarging her own work, and hence would not continue to support so much of our work.

If our obvious desire to broaden and strengthen and push the work of the Association has not been clear enough for you to see, that it was our one interest and aim, and that we had no possible reason for suppressing facts or juggling with any situation whatever, then I am sure that no voluminous explanations from us at this late date, can convince you.

I care so much more for the Suffrage Cause itself, than for red-tape, that I can feel nothing but regret that such an involved and useless discussion should come up at all.

Sincerely,

Mary Ware Dennett



No on one, <sup>and (three)</sup> ~~yes~~, and four, yes on  
five.

1911

Codrington, Ky. Sept 19th

My dear Miss Clay

I am opposed  
to all <sup>proposed</sup> changes in Consti-  
tution, perhaps I fail  
to get the right conception  
of them <sup>but</sup> I see it <sup>discuss</sup>  
would be the inevitable  
result. part of the Country  
would be have less <sup>representatin</sup>  
than the women now have  
in our national government.

We had a Club meeting  
yesterday, I brought up  
the New Constitution for <sup>discussion</sup>



Dr. Southgate spoke first,  
she said by the proposed change  
more business could be transacted  
and with less expense, since we  
had grown so extensively, frequent  
meetings were a necessity, and  
it will be very difficult to  
have these meetings as the Constitution  
now stands. I followed and  
said - All Dr. Southgate says  
is very true, so ~~would~~ <sup>could</sup> the presi-  
-dent of the United States call  
meetings of the Senate and  
Congress if they were selected  
for convenience from the vicinity  
of Washington, but - I am sure  
the rest of the country would  
object, this is a national ass.  
each state has a national  
member of the Executive Committee  
and the states want a voice  
in the government of an <sup>association</sup>  
that they are taxed to support,  
a letter can be sent by telegram  
for fifty cents, or if very <sup>important</sup>



questions come up they can send  
telegrams. Mrs Striger who was Bonnie  
Wherritt, an army officers daughter  
said "we must have a called meeting  
to discuss this question of the New  
Constitution, I want to understand it  
before I express myself" and made  
a motion <sup>carried</sup> for called meeting next  
Tuesday afternoon. When smart people like  
Dr. Southgate lose sight of the justice  
of a proposition I wonder if I see it in the  
right light, and I do not see what difference  
the change would make in the Woman's  
Journal. Mrs. Firth's song has been  
printed, and has good music and  
accompaniment, she has given at



To our Club <sup>(57)</sup> and we want  
to make some money by selling  
it and to introduce it, we  
are going to try to have it  
sung at the National.

The Susan B Anthony  
Club of Cincinnati. Dr.  
Quivers President, assisted  
by other Clubs over there  
and the Corington Club are  
going to have a banquet  
at the Dinton Hotel Oct  
16th. They asked me to invite  
you, Rev. Anna Shaw, and  
a number of National officers  
will be here. Dr. Quivers  
told me to say to you that  
we



they have arranged for  
the round trip to Louisville  
by boat for four dollars.  
and want you to be here  
for the dinner, and go  
down with them, if enough  
national officers go that way  
they could confer <sup>with</sup> on the trip.  
Mrs Firth was elected delegate  
to the National, and I am  
sure she will vote against  
the new Constitution. A good  
number of our Club members  
are going down. I may come  
on night train. The 24<sup>th</sup>  
after the wedding they leave  
for the East on nine, train  
at night. Hope both Conventions  
will be a grand success.  
H. S. McLaughlin



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Sept. 19-1911.

My dear Miss Clay:-  
Your letter of the 1st. received; was glad  
to hear from you again. Yes, I have been following  
carefully the discussions in the W. Journal on the proposed  
revisions of the Constitution. Your article and the latest from  
Mrs Upton I agree with. What a time we had settling  
the Union of the National & the American Association.  
What seems to be the matter with some of the women on  
the Board. The desire to rule seems very apparent not  
only on the Board, but among some of the State presidents.  
We are anticipating trouble in our State convention with  
the re-election of Miss Dobbin (not if it can be defeated).  
She is president of the St Paul Political Equality Club. She  
one I organized in 1903 - Miss D. has been so insolent, I had  
to resign as the Secretary. She will control everything, or not  
at all. At our Executive Board meeting, monthly she rules  
every member, and she says that she is Chairman of  
every standing Committee (no part of our duty gives her  
this right. she says that must nothing be done without



her consent - and she is so insulting to those who have  
been long in "the service" - will not listen to any  
suggestions from any one - she thinks and talks as if  
no one knew anything but herself on suffrage & that no  
work had been accomplished in this state until she came  
into the work, less than three years ago, and she received  
her suffrage information from me and I supplied  
her with literature until she was well informed.

I am sorry we could not have had Mrs. Strickland again -  
so ladylike and dignified; gentle and capable of presiding  
anywhere. Miss D. is a teacher - and she considers us a  
lot of little children, and if we refuse to obey her orders - we  
must be made to do so. We shall make an effort to vote  
her out. Julia Nelson is a follower of Miss D. - but Julia is  
growing a little queer, and a little attention puffs her up.

If Miss D. is re-elected it is uncertain if I remain as  
pres. chairman - for Miss D. has the standing committee  
appointments, and I will be sure to be left.

I wish I could go to Tomsville - but it cannot be. Mr. Farmer is  
no better and I cannot leave him very long at a time.  
He walks about each day outside, and I go with him.

His memory has failed, can scarcely recollect members of  
his relatives here. I do hope the national will settle all  
things right - as we are situated - we may have to have another  
state organization, because of the leadership now so objectionable.

Mr. Farmer joins me as best he can to yourself, not forgetting Mrs.  
Mary B. and Mrs. Bennett - Loving and sincere  
Ursula B. Farmer.



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Miss Laura Clay  
189 North Mill Street  
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Enclosed is the financial statement of The Woman's Journal for the month of August. This has been delayed on account of the necessity of a business trip to New York recently.

You will note that it makes a bad showing. There are two items which especially contribute to this, the item of \$200 for 150 copies of "The Suffragette"; these we have been selling at a good profit and have been using them as a means to increase our circulation, it has therefore been good business, though it makes a bad showing on the August statement; the other item is for cash prizes to suffragists in different parts of the country who have been working for our \$50 offer. This covers many months hard work done by suffragists in helping to increase the circulation of The Woman's Journal. Of course, we have to bear the expense of increasing our circulation, even before we get any big returns for it. In other words, it costs good money to get 25,000 subscribers, but we cannot get much advertising to speak of until we get the 25,000.

I feel like letting no opportunity go to ask people to help on our subscription list and I therefore request again that each member of the Board give me her co-operation in every way possible to help us reach 25,000 subscribers. Nothing but pegging away at it with all our might will accomplish it. Any suggestions from any member of the Board will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes E. Ryan*

Business Manager.

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Sept 20, 1911

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AUGUST 1911

Office expenses for month of August as per memo-----	518.78
Bills sent to New York for month of August as per memorandum attached-----	<u>1378.22</u>
Total expense for month of August-----	1897.00
Income for month of August as per attached memo-----	<u>676.14</u>
Loss for month of August-----	1220.86



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 Aug 7-----1.10  
 15-----1.85  
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 21-----76.67  
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35.00  
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Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 20th, 1911.

Mr. Jo A. Parker,

Barre, Missouri.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Sept. 16th was duly received.

In reply I beg to say that I do not think the Ky. E. R. A. is in a position to aid in a political campaign of any sort at this time; though our members must be at all times interested in the presentation of Woman Suffrage views.

I would not like to put Mr. Payton to any trouble to see me or any of the other officers of the Ky. E. R. A. but if he should be in Lexington at any time when I am at home I should be very glad to see him.

The Ky. E. R. A. is to hold its annual convention Oct. 25th, in Louisville, in the Seelbach Red Room; and if Mr. Payton should be in the city that day, we should be very glad to have him come to the convention and would hope to have him favor us with some remarks upon his views of woman suffrage. The National-American Woman Suffrage Association holds its annual convention in Louisville from Oct. 20th to Oct. 24th; but I have no authority to extend an invitation to Mr. Payton to speak at that convention.

Assuring you of my sincere interest in the campaign of an advocate of Woman Suffrage, I am

Very truly yours,



September 20th. 1911.

Dr. Harriet M. Graham,  
Marion Block,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Graham:-

I have just received your note of the 18th, in which you enclose copy of the constitution of your association, and ask about representation in the National Convention.

According to our present constitution no association can have representation which has not paid its dues by the first of January preceding the date of the convention.

Perhaps you do not know that the National Association has always stood unreservedly for complete suffrage and that it has no branches which stand for restricted suffrage. The aim of the Association has always been to win the vote for women on the same terms by which men now vote. To work for a restricted suffrage is undertaking a double purpose which the consensus of opinion in the National Association has never endorsed. I hope, however, that there will be a very large delegation from Indiana representing the entire suffrage movement of the State.

If you are a subscriber to The Woman's Journal, which I hope you are, you will notice that we are proposing revisions to our present constitution, and that these revisions have been discussed in nearly every number of the Journal since last May.

Sincerely yours,

MWD/JC.

Corresponding Secretary.



204 Pecan st  
San Antonio

Sept-20 [1911]

Dear Miss Kelly,

I would you  
kindly send me by  
return mail your photo  
to use on the white up  
when the engraving  
of the page number of the  
dixie song is made, we  
want all of the judges

Sincerely yours,

M. B. Fenwick



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My Dear State President:

Please to find enclosed credentials  
for delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

Your society is entitled to *fourteen* delegates.

The Convention will be an exceedingly  
important one this year on account of the proposed changes in  
the National Constitution and many other matters that will be  
discussed. I hope your society will make every effort to have  
a full representation present.

Cordially yours,

*Jessie Ashley*  
Treasurer.







have syndicated. I think it will be quite  
unique in the way of survey literature.  
I have written a little history of the center, see  
public & the four best poems & from several  
pages of the others I have clipped verses containing  
a particularly good thought & signed to each verse  
the author's real name & address. They included  
every section of the country as well as lands.  
I sent the extra copies of songs because I thought  
it would save you much trouble. I believe  
you said you kept all of them just sent.

With best wishes

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Miss Laura Blay, Lexington, Ky,  
Dear Miss Blay, Do you remember meeting  
me at Mrs. Wickes' in Indianapolis. I came  
to the Suffrag. Convention and after that  
I have two weeks to answer. I should



like to spend it in Kentucky & not in a  
city. I have thought of getting up into  
the Kentucky, that is if I could really  
get to know anything of the mountain  
people, not just at a resort. That  
is what I would like best, next to  
that to see the Blue-Grass Country.  
Can you as a loyal Kentuckian  
help me? Please write & let me know  
as I want if possible to make my  
arrangements before I leave Chicago.  
Have you seen our paper. I mail a  
copy herewith. Yours Sincerely, A. C. Hurst



842. Rockdale Ws.

My dear Miss Clay

Rockdale Ill.

Sept 21-1911

Your fine picture received. Thank  
you. Now if you could send me  
the names and two or three pictures  
of the Louisville local committee  
especially the chairman of affairs  
we would be quite pleased  
Ex<sup>cept</sup> delay postal. Sareswoods  
Sendy copy of the Club (Miss) Mary Rennie  
Woman's Magazine Staff C. W. M.

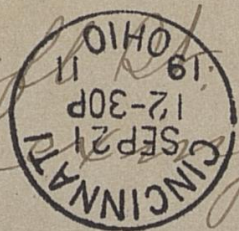
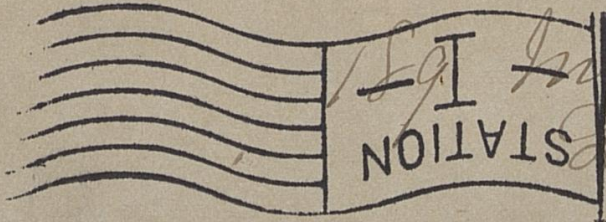
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President

MRS. THOMAS JEFFERSON SMITH  
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LOUISVILLE Sept. 21st, 1911

Dear Madam:

Your attention is called to the fact that official news of The Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs and general club work will be found in The Louisville Times each Saturday conspicuously presented in a department especially devoted to our uses.

The Federation's Press Department is trying to make these columns interesting to club women, helpful to the clubs in their work and a means of enlisting others in the great and constructive work of the Federation.

I am therefore asking your aid in creating a wide-spread circulation of the paper and in calling the attention of your clubs and others to the columns placed for our use through the courtesy of the management of The Times.

We shall be glad to publish any news of the club of which you are a member.

Very truly,

*Edward S. Dickey*  
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Miss Laura Clay  
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Sunday Sept 21st 1911

My dear Miss Lanam,

I have waited until after a committee meeting for the convention to answer your letter.

Mr. Hatterson is opposed to suffrage for women, and the only voted person we felt sure would not do harm is Judge Beardsley. He always talks a long time & might not feel that he would come to Louisville for a few moments address.

Mr. Child is in Europe. I will write the note to Mrs. Conway. I will suggest if she cannot come in that Mr. Robinson read the report of meeting.

Mrs. Geo. Conway & Mrs. Robinson will reach Louisville with Mrs. Conway's body about Oct 6 or 7. Mrs. Beardsley will be here one day. I will say a few words. The other ladies rather object, but



I think they will just be presented. If possible I would like to talk with you quietly about some of the general plans while I am in Richmond.

I accept with pleasure your invitation to be your guest - at the hotel -

This morning I have been talking with Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Slickey about trains &c. The first via Frankfort & Nicholasville was our best train each way. My only question is about the time. It has been borne in upon me so strongly that I should try to speak to the teachers at the Normal School on Moral Sanitation that I spoke to Mrs. Rank about it last summer. Unless I go up on Monday afternoon & leave Tuesday morning for the school. I don't know how this can be managed. It does not seem fair to go to the Board meeting & then take the time off for some thing else. I have written to Mrs. Rank to ask how the matter can be adjusted.

Hoping soon to let you know definitely as to the time of my arrival and leave a speech -