

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 2nd, 1912.

Mrs. Lucy B. Johnston,

Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Johnston,

In reply to your letter of June 25th I write to say that I shall be prepared to come to Kansas the 1st of September and remain as long as I can make myself useful up to October 15th. I should much like to be there when the votes are counted and thus to share in what I trust will be the victory; but my own state convention will come during the last week in October, and that and other occupations will preclude the possibility of remaining in Kansas after the 15th of October.

When you write again, I should like you to tell me if you expect me to speak at times at outdoor meetings. When the audience is moving, as it is at automobile meetings, the address must be modified to a great extent; as a sustained argument which is suitable for a seated audience is not altogether suited to a moving one, and I would like to be prepared. I have a Bible reading also, on Equal Rights, which is very suitable for a Sunday address in conservative congregations. You know, perhaps, that I am a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church; and whilst my own church is not open to any but regular ministers I have often spoken from the pulpits of Evangelical churches whose discipline is not so limiting.

Yours for victory,

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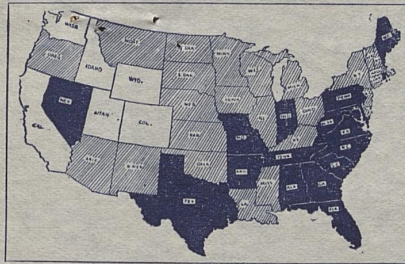
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Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

I am enclosing a copy of another application for membership from the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana.

I have written Mrs. Henderson that I am turning the application over to you with a request that you will tell her the necessary formalities.

I am also enclosing copy of the constitution of the Association.

Cordially yours,

*Mary Ware Dennett*

Corresponding Secretary.

MWD/JC.  
2 Encls.

"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens, by no means excluding women."  
--Abraham Lincoln.

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Topeka, Kansas, July 5, 1912.

Miss Laura M. Clay,  
189 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay.

Your letter of July 2 received, and we shall be ready to welcome you in Kansas September 1st, and hope that you may know the joy later of having helped to bring a victory to our State.

The plans for your itinerary, of course, are not definitely made, but I think it will be safe for you to come prepared for all, or any kind of a meeting.

I spoke last night at a band concert at one of the city parks, and find that the out door meetings are more pleasant than the in door ones at this time of the season, and September here is often very warm.

We have not yet had much automobile speaking, but presume we will have later. Then we will be very glad indeed if you can be fitted in for Sunday evening talks in some of our churches. Our organizers that are in the field are being used in that way now.

How strenuous a campaign can you stand? Would one day in each town and city, <sup>where</sup> we send you, be enough? We are very much delighted to have your promise to come to us, and trust that nothing may interfere to prevent the culmination of our plans,

Yours for victory *Lucy B. Johnston*

Diocese of Lexington

Versailles, Ky.

July Sixth  
1912

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your check was received and acknowledged by my secretary. I find on looking the matter up that you were correct. I suppose the mistake arose from some slight confusion in getting out so many statements at the same time. Pardon the error. Thank you for calling my attention to it.

At the recent Council in Middlesboro you were appointed a member of the Social Service Commission of the Diocese. It seems to me that we ought to have a meeting as soon as possible and perfect an organization. Will you let me know on the enclosed card when it will be convenient for you to attend such a meeting and where? There is a wonderful opportunity for Social Service work and our Church ought to be identified with it.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*J. M. Maxon*

112 First St., Richmond, Ky.,  
July 8, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay: — I am a student  
from Carroll Co. in the C. K. S. N. S.  
in this city and I am about to  
engage in an oratorical contest  
on woman suffrage. A prize  
is to be given to the contestant hav-  
ing and delivering the best ora-  
tion for the affirmative side of  
the question. This prize is to be given  
by the Woman's Rights Club of this city.

I would be pleased if you would  
state in a letter several important  
questions to be discussed in an af-  
firmative oration. I was prevailed  
upon to write to you for said  
information by Mrs. A. E. Million  
one of your former towns-women.

For any suggestion that you  
may make and for information  
that you may give I will be truly  
thankful.

Respectfully,  
Lewis B. Underworth

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 9th, 1912.

Mrs. G. M. Henderson, Sec'y.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Madam,

Mrs. Dennett sent to me the application of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana for affiliation with the N.A.W.S.A.

The requirements for auxiliariship when there is another state association in the same state, as in Indiana, are that the association shall have not less than three hundred members, and shall otherwise fill the requirements as stated in the constitution (page 170 of Proceedings of Annual Convention of N.A.W.S.A. of 1911) and comply with the rules adopted at the Louisville convention, as reported in the Proceedings on page 195.

In your letter to Mrs. Dennett, of which a copy was sent to me, you do not mention that your association has complied with the requirements for membership. The dues will not be required till four weeks before the annual convention of 1912, which I understand will convene the latter part of November.

Please let me hear of the particulars required by the Rules; and then I will submit your application to the members of my Committee.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of Com. on Mem-  
bership of the N.A.W.S.A.

Chairman of Com. on Mem-

Richmond, Ky.  
July 9th, 1912.

My dear Miss Worthington,

Your letter to Mrs. Dennett, containing application for auxiliarship in the N.A.W.S.A. for the Ohio Equal Franchise League was forwarded promptly to me as chairman of the Membership Committee; but I was not at home for some weeks afterwards, and then was extremely busy. I must apologize for so much delay. However, you will see by referring to the Proceedings of the N.A.W.S.A. at the Louisville convention, that your Association is not eligible for membership till you have at least three hundred members. There are other requirements, also. See N.A.W.S.A. Constitution, page 17). Art. 3, sec. 2. and Rules, page 195.

You mention that your organization is planned like that of the Penn. Limited Suffrage League. I have never been informed what that limitation is; and that is one of the points upon which the Membership Committee would have to give an opinion before your association could be admitted. I will mention that there is nothing in the plan of the Ky. W.R.A. Association which is contrary to any rule or policy of the National.

While I am sorry I could not have answered your application sooner, at the same time it will be of no practical delay to you, even if you now have the requisite three hundred members, because the dues are not required to be paid till four weeks before the Convention of the N.A.W.S.A., which I understand will this year be the latter part of November. Before that time your state may have become enfranchised, and you may wish to remodel your association rather for the use of the franchise than its acquirement.

Very sincerely yours,



Manassas Ky.  
July 10, 1912,

My dear Miss Eley,

I am not  
able to thank you  
enough for coming  
to us and giving  
us just the tells  
we needed just at  
the time we needed



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sure we can do  
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fall on anything.

Please accept from  
me the thanks of the  
club, would also, like  
for you to know what  
a pleasure it was  
to me to have you.

Sincerely yours,  
Minnie C. Reed.

it. I feel that  
the club as well  
as the members  
will be greatly  
benefited by your  
talks.

am sending article  
cut from The Public  
Ledger, also checks  
from our secretary  
as haven't made  
our plans yet as  
to what to do in  
the county before

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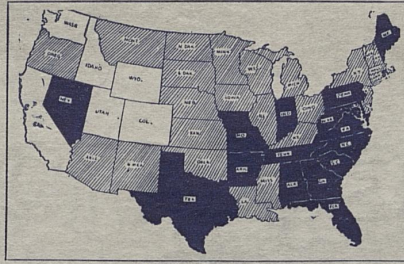
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July 10, 1912.

Dear Miss Clay:

Mrs. Laidlaw tells me that the Woman Suffrage Party has never heard from the Membership Committee in response to its application for membership in the National Association, and they are feeling rather fidgety. Doubtless this enquiry will cross in the mail a letter from you on the subject. However, I will send it along in any case. I hope Kentucky is not as warm as New York.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ware Dennett*

Corresponding Secy.

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 12th, 1912.

Mrs. Thomas S. Wells,

New York.

Dear Madam,

I have just been reminded by a letter from Mrs. Dennett that the application for affiliation with the N.A.W.S.A. from the Woman Suffrage Party of New York has never been formally accepted by the Membership Committee. I regret the omission, which seems to be mine. I received affirmative votes from Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Katzenstein and Miss Mills away back in March; and I had supposed that I had long ago announced the acceptance of your application. My vote was in the affirmative making all affirmative which were cast.

Please pardon the failure to announce the vote, which I much regret.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of Membership Committee of

N.A.W.S.A.

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 12th, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Dennett,

I was quite startled by receiving your letter this morning telling me the Woman Suffrage Party had not yet received notification that their application for affiliation with the W.A.W.S.A. had been favorably passed upon by the Membership Committee. I looked over the file of my letters, quite confident that I would find I had notified the Secretary; but I do not find a record of it. I have at once sent notice to Mrs. Thomas S. Welss, with an apology, and an explanation that the votes had come in Febr. and March. Mrs. Russell has never answered but one letter, so I no longer wait for an answer from her. Please let Mrs. Laudlaw know of the vote, which was unanimous as far as received.

I have written to Miss Worthington that 300 members are necessary for the admission of a second auxiliary in a state.

Did you or did you not send me an application from the Limited Suffrage Association of Philadelphia, the one of which Miss Winsor is president? If you did, I have mislaid it, and wish you would send me a duplicate. Please send explicit information as to what the limitation consists in, as I know there is opposition in the Committee to limitations.

I have written for particulars from the second Indiana association, but have not yet had time for a reply.

July 12, 1912

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Please express my thanks to Mrs. McCormick for the package of literature of which you made mention in one of your recent letters. I have not yet seen it on account of my absence from Lexington, as my second class mail is not forwarded. I shall examine it with interest, and am much obliged to Mrs. McCormick for her thoughtfulness in sending it both to me and to others who are interested in the suffrage literature.

The Woman's Clubs, the W.C.T.U. and the E.R.A.'s are making efforts to bring out a good woman's vote in the school elections, those of the rural districts coming off the 3rd of August.

Very truly yours,

# Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs

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Dear Miss Laura -  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1912

I am sending you a marked copy of the Herald with the account of the discussion of Suffrage at the State Fair here. A few of us saw the notice & were present at the morning meeting. It surprised me greatly to see how much there could be allowed to speak over the floor. In the afternoon when the discussion was renewed the vote on recommending &c in several texts showed the men were with us two to one. But the vote was delayed & many left for the Country Club before the final vote came. Mr. Barkin believed in suffrage. But had to give his declining vote to table, because the election had to come before five o'clock. The house is really not allowed to endorse any thing unless with due notice. You will be obliged to hear



That a report I have today from a lawyer  
who talked with many of the men at the  
Country Club. says he was surprised  
at the great majority who accept the  
principle & "know it is coming". It seems  
that Mr Todd who introduced the resolu-  
tion always pretends a joke, & the members  
anticipated me in his treatment, & did  
not in the morning take it seriously.  
My next door neighbor, Judge Frank Pease  
seconded the motion, & says he is in  
the fight with us to the end.

I wish you took the Lon. Herald, as it  
gives us more help than any of  
the papers -

My heart has been heavy over the discom-  
forting news from Carolyn until the  
last few days when she began to improve  
slowly.

Hattie Gault was gone to Berlin where her  
only grand child 11 years old is desperately  
ill of typhoid fever.

Always affectionately  
Caroline A. Leach -

Against

Charles Nut-calf. Pineville  
Lewis Apperson. Mt. Sterling  
Justice Adams. Frankfort  
R. C. Stoll Lexington  
R. C. Thomas. Bowling Green -  
Wm. Gen. Gannett -

There were always those or from men  
wishing to speak in favor. on the floor -  
It seems a great & unex-pected triumph.

News in Ky State Bar Assn -

July 14, 1913

for Suffrage through speeches or  
some indication - the last vote showing  
2 to 1 - in favor -

John R. Todd - Shelbyville Special contribution -

John B. Backin<sup>Law</sup> - Wheat Mc Donnell<sup>Law</sup>

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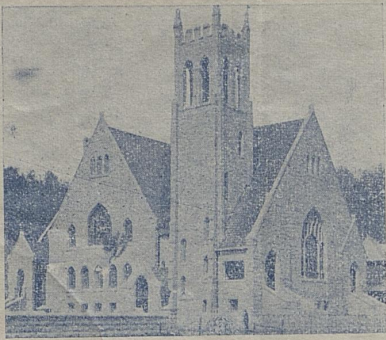
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J. Dan Freeman<sup>Law</sup> (delegate to Nat. Bar Assn.)

W. H. Swinford - Ky. Philanth.

Will Spalding<sup>Law</sup> -

Judge Frank Peak<sup>Law</sup> - & many others -



J. D. REDD, PASTOR  
MAYO MEMORIAL CHURCH

PAINTSVILLE, KY.,

July, 15 1912

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter just received,  
I shall comply with your request  
The Election for Trustees, or Board  
for the Public City School was held  
in May.- Will inquire into other  
Elections - Suppose there are no  
more in our town. The County  
Institute is in session here  
this week - Could you send me  
some literature for distribution?  
If you can send me anything -  
please send at once & send bill  
of same & I will remit. If you  
can send me a letter to be read  
before the Institute - Posters, songs  
or anything else you can use, please  
send at once & oblige - Mrs. J. D. Redd.  
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Miss Laura Clay,  
189 North Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have just received yours of the 12th, and am glad to know about the final outcome of the Woman Suffrage Party application for membership.

I sent you on May 9th. a copy of Miss Winsor's application. I am now enclosing another copy. I wrote Miss Winsor at the time that I was turning her enquiry over to you and that all details would be sent to her by you. I enclosed a copy of the new constitution adopted at Louisville. The limitations for which Miss Winsor's league stands are explained by her letterhead which bears the words -" We demand for women the full franchise, with restrictions excluding the criminal and illiterate of both sexes." The bills which her association has had introduced to the Pennsylvania legislature have always, I believe, been framed to include not only giving the vote to women but restricting the vote which men already have. As I understand it, the relatively large membership of her association has been due to her exceedingly capable leadership rather than to any popularity which the limited platform may have.

I am enclosing a copy of the list of the associations which have joined the National since the Louisville Convention, which I have just sent over to the Woman's Journal.

I should be very glad indeed if you would send to me the membership of each of these Associations as they reported it to you. The only one about which I am sure is the W.S.P. of New York. - about 50,000.

I am glad to know you are going to Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Ware Dennett*  
Corresponding Secretary.

MWD/JC.

July 15, 1912

FOR THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

The following societies have joined the National Association since the Louisville Convention:-

Wisconsin Political Equality League,  
President, Miss Ada L. James,  
Headquarters, Colby-Abbot Bldg.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

*Over 600 members  
at date of application  
(Guernsey)*

Woman Suffrage Party of New York City,  
Membership about 50,000.  
Chairman, Mrs. E.J. Nelson Penfield,  
Headquarters, 30 East 34th. Street,  
New York City.

Washington Suffrage League,  
President, Mrs. George A. Smith,  
Smith and Alki Avenues, Seattle, Washington.

*Members in committee  
not stated*

State Equal Franchise League of Maryland,  
Pres. Mrs. Wm. Ellicott,  
714 St. Paul Street,  
Baltimore, Md.

*Affidavit. Composed  
of nine affiliated leagues,  
with a total membership of  
5748 paid members, + 684 uncollected  
members.*

Just Government League of Maryland,  
President, Mrs. Donald Hooker,  
Cedar Lawn, Homeland Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

*Affidavit. 1500*

Headquarters-

Nevade Equal Franchise Society,  
President, Miss Anne W. Martin, Reno,  
Headquarters, 139 North Virginia, St. Reno, Nevada.

*May 14. Not quite  
100 paid-up  
members.*

Kansas Equal Suffrage Association,  
President, Mrs. Lucy B. Johnston,  
Headquarters, Mills Bldg., Topeka, Kansas.

*No number  
mentioned just say  
they will send dues for 300.*

Richmond, Ky.

July 17th, 1912.

Miss Linda Waville,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Linda,

I was sorry to miss seeing you when I was in Lexington June 17th, as I shall be in Lexington very little this summer.

What I particularly wanted to consult with you about was the practicability of extending an invitation to the Ky. F. R. A. to hold its annual convention in Lexington this fall. After talking with members of the Board in Covington and Newport, we thought an invitation from Lexington would be very desirable, as we are to elect four new persons for some of the principal officers; and we hope to have a Lexington woman, Mrs. Breckinridge, elected as the president. We think it is desirable, so as to have a large number of delegates present, which we are pretty certain to have in as central a place as Lexington. For certain reasons, we would like to have the convention the last week in October, say Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th of October. These are the dates I would prefer, but a change of a few days in the latter part of October would not make a great difference. Could you call a meeting of the Fayette F. R. A. and secure an invitation? I have consented to go out to Kansas for several weeks' campaigning the 1st of September. I shall probably not return till the middle of October; and I desire very much to attend to the preliminary work of calling the convention before I go, whilst I still have leisure.

The invitation should include providing a hall for the meetings, and all the local advertising. It is very essential that the hall should be

secured several months before the convention, for it is remarkable how difficult it is to arrange for the proper hall shortly before the convention. It would be very agreeable, also, though not necessary, to provide for luncheon each of the two days of the convention for all the delegates. We are no longer asking that the delegates shall be entertained; but are following the example of the Federation of Clubs, in entertaining only the speakers. The State asso. will provide the programs, and the expenses of the speakers.

Because I am going to Kansas, it will be absolutely necessary for you to get some other treasurer this fall to collect the dues, etc. There is still a very small balance to the credit of the Fayette C.R.A. in the Lexington Trust Company, (corner of Short and Market Streets). I have not my books here with me; but you can ask what the amount is from the bank. The dues should be collected for as large a number of delegates as possible; for we want to do honor to Mrs. Breckinridge by a large home vote. The dues should be sent for the National dues, also, by the first of October.

According to a rule adopted at the last convention, we are entitled to nominate our own National delegates, one for each one hundred paid-up members.

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient; as you will realize that on account of my going to Kansas I have very little time. It is practically impossible for me to do much correspondence when I am in the field; and our Cor. Sec. is always too busy to give any considerable help.

Hoping you may be able to extend the invitation, I am

Very cordially yours,



Richmond, Ky.

July 18th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Redd,

I thank you for your prompt reply to my letter. I got your answer this morning, and I am at once sending some literature, which I shall be glad to have you distribute free. I am not supplied just now with anything on school suffrage; but as we expect next legislature to ask for the submission of an amendment for full suffrage I am glad to have some literature on full suffrage distributed.

I knew the elections in the cities smaller than fourth class were over; and my circular letter was designed especially for the rural districts. We expect some literature like the newspaper clipping which I enclose to be sent out in time for the fall elections in the cities.

I fear the literature may reach you too late for distribution at the Institute. If so, please use it according to your judgment among other readers.

Hoping to hear that the women in your rural districts go out well to vote, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. The newspaper clipping would be good to have read at the Institute.

Richmond, Kentucky.  
July 19th, 1912.

Dear Miss Winsor,

Your letter of May 2nd, to Mrs. Dennett, asking for the terms upon which the Penn. Limited Suffrage League might be received into the N.W.S.A. was promptly reported to me; but at the time I was "campaigning" in Ohio, and could not reply to it.

Mrs. Dennett writes that she sent you a copy of the new constitution; and I suppose you have also received the minutes of the last annual convention at Louisville. On page 195 you will find the rules adopted by that convention for the admission of additional state societies, when there is already one auxiliary, as in Pennsylvania. As you have this information, there is nothing material that I can add to it; except that if you decide that your association complies with those rules, an application for auxiliaryship will have to be voted on by the members of my committee. The limitations that your Association proposes to put upon suffrage for women would come under the existing conditions examined by the committee; and therefore, if the application is made, please be explicit in the explanation of this feature of your Association.

Hoping you may find it possible and satisfactory to become auxiliary,

I am

Very truly yours,  
Chairman Member  
ship Committee of N.A. . . . A.

Chairman Member

Richmond, Ky.  
July 19th, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Dennett,

In reply to your letter of the 15th I am sending the numbers of members of associations received as they were reported to me. Wisconsin P. T. L. Over 600 members at date of application. (December). W. Suffrage Party. Membership about 50,000. Names of 300 sent. Washington Suffrage League. Members in eight counties. Number not stated. State Equal Suffrage League of Maryland. Affidavit before notary. Composed of nine affiliated leagues, with a total membership of 448 paid members, and 564 enrolled members.

Just Government League of Maryland. Affidavit before notary. 1500 members.

Nevada Equal Franchise Society. Not quite 100 paid-up members.

Kansas Equal Suffrage Society. No number mentioned; but say they will send dues for 300.

I have heard nothing further from the Indiana application.

You sent no address to which I can write to Miss Winsor. Therefore, I am enclosing a letter to her, which please direct and mail.

Very truly yours,

1005 Brook Street,

Louisville, July 20, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Linton, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

The Louisville Woman Suffrage Association contemplates having an advertising booth at the State Fair in the fall. Will you kindly tell us whether or not the State Association is planning anything in connection with the Fair? It would help us if we could know your plans before we definitely formulate

our own.

Hoping that there is nothing  
indiscreet in this request, I am

Very truly yours,

Margaret Shelley.

Corresponding Secretary,

L. W. S. R.

Miss Margaret Shelley,

1005 Brook Street,

Louisville, Kentucky.

A letter to the Portland Telegram, July 22, 1912, from

DR. CLARENCE TRUE WILSON

Formerly Pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal and Centenary Churches,  
Portland and Now General Secretary of the  
National Methodist Temperance Society.

I have been charged with inconsistency in that I, a temperance advocate, should oppose woman suffrage. I have advocated both local option and prohibition for Oregon and opposed votes for women. These issues are separate and distinct, as a canvass of the votes of Oregon will show. In 1906 the voters beat the liquor dealers' measure by 10,000 majority and the woman's suffrage amendment by 11,000 majority. In 1908 the Reddy bill, a pro-liquor measure, was voted down by 14,000 majority and the suffrage amendment by 21,000 majority. In 1910 Prohibition lost by 10,000 votes and suffrage by 23,000. So anyone can see that the two questions are separate in the minds of our voters.

But as a prohibition advocate I am consistent in opposing woman suffrage, because no state has adopted woman's suffrage without setting back the temperance cause twenty-five years. I have been over these states recently and have never found a temperance man who is not disappointed at the results of votes by women. Look at Los Angeles almost voting dry two years ago with men voting, while now with women enfranchised and with two thousand more women than men voting, they have defeated prohibition by 14,000 majority. See the dry town of Pasadena, saloonless throughout its history, voting in a wet ticket with the first coming of the women into the elective franchise.

I do not account for this on the ground that women as a class are against the temperance reform, but that they are not at home in politics. I have never seen one temperance woman of the W.C.T.U. that seemed conscious that in giving votes to the members of the W.C.T.U., men will also extend the franchise to the dissolute, the worldly, the pleasure seeker, the wives, daughters and sweethearts of gamblers, saloonkeepers

*We are not sending this out because we do not want to give it publicity - and because this*

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and the owners of property used for immoral purposes.. Do they think that those who are dependent upon venders to vice will not vote for the interest of their own purse? With the good woman, the home woman and even some of the temperance women staying back and refusing to be dragged into politics, what chance have we against that other combination?

As a member of the human race I decline to participate in a reform against Nature. Women are no better adapted to politics than a man is to being the mother of a family.

As a man I decline to help drag our reluctant women into the dirtiest job that I am asked to work at myself. As an American I doubt the wisdom of relieving the men from the responsibility of the civic conditions which they have made by calling into the battle the last reserve force we have in the world before those now engaged have done their best.

As an Oregonian I oppose classifying our glorious state with the freak states of the Union, when we have a higher state of civilization than any of the four that have had woman's votes, and just as California and Washington are beginning to realize that they have blindly fallen into a fatal mistake. I have conversed with both men and women from California, but have found no one who was not in doubt about the wisdom of what they have done.

As a son I feel that I ought not to vote to force the elective franchise and the responsibility for all civic conditions upon our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters.. I respect them too much to want to hear the toast in Oregon that they gave at a banquet in Denver celebrating the triumph of woman suffrage:

"Lovely woman, once our superior, now our equal!"

CLARENCE TRUE WILSON.



July 22, 1912

This letter will be sent to B. Charles W. W. by B. Charles W. W.

We are in receipt of extracts from the Portland "Oregonian" and the Portland, Ore., "Telegram" stating that the Brewers' Association is circulating a letter written by the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, former pastor of the Grace M. E. and the Centenary M. E. church of Portland, which declares against women suffrage, alleging that it is a hindrance to the cause of temperance wherever adopted, and that in suffrage states woman suffrage has set back the cause of temperance twenty-five years.

The national association of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in convention in Portland at that time (Oct. 22), passed resolutions of protest and wrote to Bishop Hughes who is the presiding bishop of the Pacific Coast district, asking him to restrain the Rev. Wilson from allowing his name and letter to be thus used. Rev. Wilson is general secretary of the National Methodist Episcopal Temperance Society having been appointed to this office by the General Conference in convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, only last May. He is now a resident of Topeka.

Within the past two days we have received a proof sheet of a circular, signed by the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, with which, we have been informed, Kansas is to be flooded within the next few days. The circular contains many false statements and is an insult to the manhood and womanhood of this great republic. It is in the nature of a roorback, issued within a few days before election, too late to be refuted. Were the statements truths, the circulars would have been circulated long ago, but being false to the core, are used at the last moment as a thrust in the back, in true assassin style.

We do not feel that this circular letter in itself can injure the suffrage cause, especially in Kansas, where women have voted municipalities for a quarter of a century, and by their votes have proved that they stand for what is good and just and pure in public

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life, and we believe that the men in Kansas who receive this letter will have the manhood to resent this interference from the liquor interests and this ex-Oregonian. Dr. Clarence True Wilson has the right to his personal opinions upon this and all other questions; but the headlines of this circular letter which are being used state that the writer is the general Secretary of the National Methodist Episcopal Temperance Society and formerly pastor of two different Methodist Episcopal churches in Portland, thus giving it a dignity and authority borrowed from that exalted Christian organization to which it is not entitled.

Within the past year all of the Methodist Conferences in Kansas have endorsed woman suffrage, as has also the General Conference, which is international. Hence, we are sure that this man is not in any way expressing the sentiments of either the Temperance Society or the great Methodist Episcopal Church.

We are awaiting the denial of the Rev. Wilson of the authenticity of this circular letter and hope yet to learn that he has made a protest through the press against its being used by an organization so diametrically opposed to his high calling.

- (Singed) LUCY B. JOHNSTON, President K.E.S.A.
- STELLA H. STUBBS, First Vice-President
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- E. S. PETTYJOHN, Pres. Kansas Men's League for Woman Suffrage

July 2, 1912

C O P Y.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

816 Odd Fellow Building,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

June 22nd. 1912.

National American Woman Suffrage Association,  
505 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mesdames:-

The Board of Directors of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, in session this a.m. voted to become affiliated with the National organization, and hereby apply for membership in same. Will you kindly forward the qualifications necessary for such affiliation, or any blanks needed to be filled and we will comply with same at a very early date.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. G.M.Henderson,

Secy.

No 2

KANSAS EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

617 Mills Building.

Topeka, Kansas, July 24, 1912.

My dear Co-worker:

The time for our work is growing short. Let us consider how we may secure a majority in each and every county for the Equal Suffrage Amendment Nov. 5th. The college people are at home now. The school houses are available for evening and Sunday meetings, and all "out-of-doors" belongs to us. Make good use of your opportunities. There are men and women in every school district who will help. Give your local talent a part in this good work. Maintain cheerfulness but do not be over hopeful, it is only through persistent, earnest work that we can win. The enemies are even now sowing tares.

Do not neglect the House to House canvass. In Chicago a precinct that was canvassed for the preferential ballot gave 1178 votes for woman suffrage, another where like conditions and equal population prevailed was not canvassed and gave only 112 votes for suffrage.

Ask speakers on other subjects to inject strong suffrage arguments into their speeches, but suffragists should be careful to keep all political or sectarian bias out of their own talks and speeches. The one thing to work for and talk for is the carrying of the amendment.

Every county should be toured by an automobile party during the summer, hold meetings and select field workers. Later when the political parties are holding their meetings do as the suffragists in Ohio did, and are doing, follow the crowds with carriages or autos and take advantage of the "ready made" audiences before the speaker of the day appears. Talk "Justice for Women!" You will be welcomed. There are many first class speakers in Kansas who will go out for expenses.

Do Something to insure a big majority in your county Nov. 5th. Use the "Votes for Women" pennants, buy balloons, decorate your autos and porches, use printers ink, wear buttons, talk suffrage, reach the rural voters.

Let us know if we can serve you in any way.

Yours for victory,

Lucy R. Johnston,

President K. E. S. A.

July 24th, 1912.

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Shelley,

I am glad to learn from your letter that the Louisville W.S. Asso. is going to do some work at the State Fair. The Board of the State Asso. has nothing in view, as indeed it can not do anything except through its auxiliaries.

I believe it would be well for you, in laying your plans, to bear in mind that the State has decided for the next work, the submission of a Constitutional Amendment, granting full suffrage to women. Of course, this must be obtained from the Legislature; and all which can be done is to lay the foundation for popular opinion. Getting members is the first great object; and disseminating literature is an admirable means.

I hope your Association will bear in mind that the State Asso. is to act under the new provisions of the association's constitution adopted at the Louisville convention; and at the next convention is to elect a president, first vice-president, corresponding secretary and treasurer who <sup>are</sup> have not holding such office at the present time. We expect our annual convention to be held in Lexington the latter part of October; but further notice will be given of that. The constitution allows each auxiliary to nominate national delegates, one for each one hundred paid up members. The dues for the National must be paid about October 15th, as the National convention is to be held in Philadelphia the 21-26 of November; and is expected to be a great occasion because we expect to have several great victories to celebrate.

The work between now and these conventions is particularly to encourage

women everywhere to use the school suffrage. It is true that this suffrage was won in the Legislature by the Federation of Woman's Clubs; but I hope none of our suffrage clubs will underestimate the fact that practically all women's clubs are factors in winning suffrage, and fraternal co-operation ought to be our attitude to all their measures. The State W.R.A. has felt this so strongly that it is its policy to allow practically the legislative work (now that we have secured all the most important legal rights of women) to be carried on by the Federation whilst the suffrage work engrosses the energies of our Association. For this reason the Ky. W.R.A. has not laid plans for any work which does not directly bear upon securing a Constitutional Amendment for full suffrage.

I have called attention to the changes in the W.R.A. constitution because I desire very particularly that every auxiliary should send its delegates to the state convention with suggestions along lines of policy adapted to the new status of the suffrage cause since the recent great victories in Washington and California, besides those we are confidently hoping for in the states where suffrage amendments are before the electors. I believe posters, literature, etc., impressing the great progress of our cause; apart from the mere arguments in its favor, ought to be a part of <sup>your</sup> exhibition at the Fair.

If I can be of any assistance to your plans I shall be glad to do what I can before the 1st of September. At that date I go to Kansas to take part in the suffrage campaign now going on in that state.

Wishing you success in your work at the Fair, which commends itself very strongly to me, I am

Faithfully yours,

Richmond, Ky.

July 26th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Harrison,

I received your letter by the last mail, and am answering promptly to say that my engagement in Kansas will end Oct. 15th at the latest. Therefore, I shall be in Kentucky the last two Fridays of that month.

After I saw you last April I met with the members of the Board of the Ky. W. R. A. in Covington, and they thought an invitation from the Fayette W. R. A. to hold the annual convention in Lexington the last week in October would be very desirable, seeing we are to change four of our officers and that we hope Mrs. Brackinridge will accept the election to be president. I have not been in Lexington since, except the few days June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, when I went to the School Suffrage mass meeting. I did not get to see Linda Neville to ask her to get the invitation from the Fayette W. R. A.; but I have written to her about it. She may not be in town, as I have not yet received an answer, though I believe the W. R. A. would be perfectly willing to extend the invitation. I have heard that the Woman's Club has rented the hall in Mr. Macorman's building; and if so, it seems to me the very place to hold the W. R. A. convention; and it is not too soon to make the engagement, if the Club is willing to let the W. R. A. have the hall for two days. Therefore, I want you to consider it, and if you approve, to see Linda Neville about it. In that case, I think the speaker we may have at the convention (and we shall try to get an attractive one) would take my place admirably for one of those Fridays, presumably, the 25<sup>th</sup>. Then, if you like, I could speak on the 18<sup>th</sup>, which would be a good time to

say what I can to help the interest in the school election. The registration comes on October 1st, so I could not be of any use in getting out a goodly number for registration.

If this idea about the convention suits you, and you should still wish me to speak a second time on suffrage I think it would be much more interesting to have one of the times after the elections, both in school suffrage in this state, and the full suffrage elections which are to come off in four states in November. But that is entirely as you choose. I shall be ready to do the best I can the last two Fridays in October, <sup>if possible,</sup> though on account of the W. F. A. convention, which was arranged after I saw you, I do not see how I can speak myself more than one Friday in October, and cannot tell which one it can be till I hear from Linda Neville. I believe I qualified my engagement for the Woman's Club with the proviso that my suffrage duties would have to come first. If I did not, I shall have to beg your indulgence, in view of the fact that a president of an association is not an entirely free agent where the interests of the association come in. But I know you are willing to help all you can to make the convention a success; and I shall be greatly under obligation if you will give what counsel and aid you can to Linda Neville. I have been very busy ever since I came to the farm, and have not found time to go to Lexington to do anything myself. I suffer greatly from heat in the city, and could have effected very little even if I had gone.

Please drop me a few lines to let me know what you think of the contents of this letter.

Very cordially yours,



OHIO EQUAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION,

628 Viranda Ave. CINCINNATI, O.

July 27, 1912

Miss Laura Clay,  
Chairman Membership Committee  
N.A.W.F.A.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter in reply to  
the application of the Ohio Equal  
Franchise Association for member-  
ship in the National, received.

Will you please send me a  
copy of the Constitution that I  
may know our standing. Mrs.  
Fitz Gerald of Boston, a member  
of your committee, as I under-  
stand, directed us to apply  
for membership, not as a lo-  
cal association, which we  
are not, but as a state asso-  
ciation. As you will see by

our announcement enclosed,  
we have four hundred mem-  
bers in six counties, and since  
this announcement was printed  
we have added two more coun-  
ties in later enrollments.

Our only resemblance to the  
Pennsylvania Limited Suffrage  
League, which I became acquainted  
with at the National Convention  
at Louisville, is that we are both  
non-paying organizations,  
like your conf.

We should be glad to hear  
from your Committee as soon as  
possible.

We feel that your aid was  
very great in opening the Cam-  
paign here, and hope to have  
you with us again in the near  
future. Yours truly  
H. E. Kettering

Ans. Aug. 1. Sent Rules & Constitution  
Asked for 300 names of members  
and affidavit of members  
Wrote hand-written letters to all  
members of Com.

"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens, by no means excluding women."  
--Abraham Lincoln.

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617 Mills Building,

Topeka, Kansas, July 31, 1912.

Miss Laura M. Clay,  
Richmond, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am making out your route for September to October 15th, and very much wish to know over what road you wish to come, and on what day you will be ready to begin work. At what place in the State shall I begin routing you? Of course, this will depend very much upon the road over which you come. We have arrangements<sup>2</sup> party made for automobile travel in the Fifth district, and probably Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Kimball, President of the Fifth district, and Mrs. Hoffman will accompany you. We want to make it as spectacular and arousing as possible.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Helen N. Eacker,

Secretary K. E. S. A.

Said I would start Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~nd~~ Ready for work  
Wednesday.