

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 4, 1916

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

My dear Miss Clay:-

A meeting of the Diocesan Committee on Social Service was held in the Parish House, Lexington, on November the 27th. After some discussion of subjects of interest, it was resolved that this Committee recommend to each parish in the Diocese that the parish, either through its rector or through its local committee on Social Service, or through both, should make a sympathetic study of the county jails and county infirmaries, or poor houses as they are sometimes called, and should report to their respective parish meetings from time to time conditions as they found them, with such suggestions of improvements as might seem wise to make.

The Committee desired to emphasize the fact that we are seeking, and should seek, steadfastly to co-operate with the authorities, and should help them by showing interest in their problems, while at the same time if necessary, suggesting improvement in their methods. Hoping that these suggestions may be of some value to you, and that you will seek to co-operate with us by carrying them out as far as possible; and further requesting of you that you will report to the Chairman anything which you may be able to do in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

Chairman

for the Committee

RKM/W



12-3-16

Miss Laura Clay

Dear Madam,

Your letter received, also the
~~\$25.00~~ twenty five dollar cheque
of the Chattanooga C. & S. Assn -
which I mailed to you some
time ago, and was pledged to
you by the C. & S. Assn for
the purpose of maintaining a
Federal lobby at Washington, D. C.
I am referring the cheque



and hope the explanation
will be satisfactory. I hope
you will pardon me for
not explaining in the begin-
ning, what the cheque was

Yr. very truly yours

Mrs. J. L. Hughes

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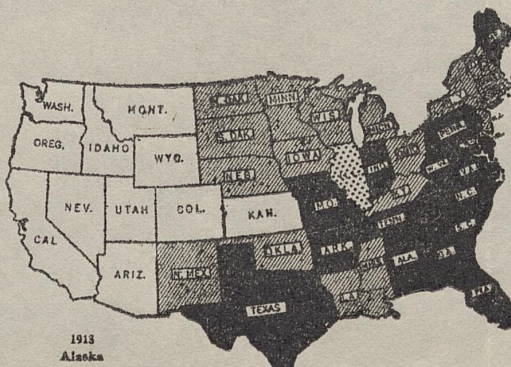
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FRANKFORT, KY.,

Dec 4-16

Dear Miss Laura

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that at the last board meeting an auxiliary aid was created, and you its chairman. The members of this aid are eligible to all board meetings. Hope to see you at the next board meeting which will be in Louisville on Dec 13th I believe. With kindest regards I am

Your sincere friend
 Francis H. Hays

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XXXXXXXXXX 189 N. Mill St.,

Lexington, Kentucky.

Dec. 5th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. James,

Your letter of the 3rd inst. is just received.

I thought there appeared to be some mistake about that check; and now I see that it was either promised to some one else, or that I did not make it sufficiently clear that I was not the treasurer for any fund.

The only lobbying in Washington that I have ever been interested in was for the United States Election Bill, of which I enclose a description. Last winter the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference appointed a committee to work for this bill; and I know I spoke in advocacy of the bill at Chattanooga. I cannot now recall that I asked donations for lobbying for it, for at that time I hoped the National Board would work for it in conjunction with the S. S. Anthony Amendment; but the Board decided not to do that, though the Convention endorsed it.

If this pledge was made for the United States Election Bill, the money should go to the treasurer of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, which was the only organization which has expended any thing to push it. In that case, the check should be sent to the president or the treasurer of the Conference, whose addresses you will find at the foot of this paper.

Hoping this explanation will straighten out the matter, I am

Very cordially yours,

December 6, 1916 191

To the Members of the Board of the Southern Conference:-

The NEW SOUTHERN CITIZEN which will appear next Monday contains my recommendation for the Southern Conference to press as a political policy upon the democrats of the west, to demand that the south, which will block a federal amendment shall protect them in the west by having the southern states fall en bloc for woman suffrage.

I have pointed out that in this one party territory this is perfectly feasible and that even where well defined republican parties exist in states of the south, the republicans are likewise adverse to a federal amendment.

I wrote to President Wilson on this point in September, and I mentioned how practical it would be for the southern states to have special legislatures, call constitutional conventions for this express purpose and without even the formality of submitting the question to the voters it could be adopted. The precedent for such action having been established when the present constitutions of many of the southern states were adopted. If this action is taken it would settle forever the attitude of the democratic party to woman suffrage. It would not antagonize any section as will forcing a federal amendment. The impetus given to suffrage would make it impossible for other sections to do anything else but enfranchise their women. Suffragists must realize that if we accomplish this it would unquestionably be a much shorter route to gaining the suffrage, for even should the present administration submit the federal amendment it will be an indefinite number of years, if ever, that ratification will be effected.

I would like to hear from each of you upon the advisability of stressing this point of view. I will take up with Senator Owen, Miss Clay's bill and see what ^{the} prospects are for him to push it as promised in St. Louis. Strictly speaking the Southern Conference has accomplished what it set out to do, namely, to secure a states rights plank in the platform of the democratic party, but while I am hardly justified financially in doing what I am doing, I think it would be very suicidal to go out of existence at the present time when we should push with might and main the aforesaid lines of work.

Very cordially,

KMG / BS.

Kate M. Gordon

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 6, 1916

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

My dear Miss Clay:-

There was a meeting on November 27th of the Diocesan Committee on Social Service, at which meeting were present, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. George R. Hunt, Mr. C. M. Harbison, and Dean Massie, Chairman. In addition to the actions indicated by the memoranda enclosed to you, it was determined there that we should seek to have a full meeting of the committee some time before the next diocesan council; and it was further suggested that we should come to that meeting with some matured thoughts on the subject of our duty, and the duty of the Church in this Diocese, in connection with the formation at some time of a Post-War Peace League. Also that we should consider carefully before coming to that committee meeting what recommendations, if any, this committee might make to the Woman's Auxiliary, or to any other church society, in the Diocese as to enlarging its sphere of work by including work among the blind or other work of that nature.

Due notice will be given some time in advance of this called meeting and it is hoped that all will be able to attend.

Yours very truly,

Robert R. Massie

Chairman

RKM/W

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December 11, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay,

At the General Convention of our Church held in St. Louis in October a resolution providing for the admission of women to full representation in the House of Deputies was introduced in both houses. Before we in the House of Deputies could get to act upon it it was killed in the House of Bishops. Some of us who are interested in this cause are undertaking an educational program to cover the whole Church during the next three years. We are going to work quietly at first with a view toward discovering leaders in all the different Dioceses and Missionary Districts. We do not want anything said until we are fully prepared to undertake our program in the open.

I am writing to ask if you can lay your hand on any work or works telling about the relation of women to the work of the Church during the first two centuries. I cannot lay my hand on anything at present, nor do I know right now where to find any material. I thought that with your grasp of the whole situation and knowledge of the movement for the emancipation of women, you might be able to suggest something to me. Pardon this intrusion into a busy life. Its only justification is your own self sacrificing interest in the cause. If you can help me, or suggest where I may get help, I will greatly appreciate the kindness.

With best wishes, I am,

Most sincerely,

J. M. Maxon.

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The Colored People,
54 Bequard St.,

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 12, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

I thank you heartily
for your very kind words and for
your check for \$5.00 as a donation
to the Church Herald. As

you were one of the best friends
of my work during my ministry
at St. Andrew's, Lexington, Ky., I was
sending you a free copy of our
little paper.

I shall never forget my
friends in Lexington, and the place
where I spent the first years
of my ministry.

Thanking you again for your
very kind consideration of my work,
I am,

Very gratefully yours,
E. L. Baskewill.

Fulton, Ky; Dec. 13th 1916.

Miss Laura Clay;

My Dear Miss Clay,

All Equal
Suffrage Association
organized in the past
summer, ^{in this place} has just e-
lected me its presi-
dent. The previous pres-
ident resigned because
of illness in the family,
and because of that,
I presume, the Ass-

has merely existed, and possibly, would have ceased to exist had it not been for the faithful few, who would not let it die. My first move after being elected president was to persuade them to federate, which was easily done.

Now, we want a system of study - first, of the lives of suffragists, beginning at

the beginning, and second, the laws of our State, relative to women.

Will you kindly write me how to get at these two subjects. I think it would be well to carry them along together.

I am presuming upon your complaisance. I fear, yet, I have so much cow-

fiducere, in your
knowledge, and good
judgment, that I can
not bring myself to
consult any one else,
until writing you.

Trusting that I am
not overstaying your
patience, and hoping
to hear from you at
an early date, I
am

Very Sincerely Yours
J. Mayflower Major.

Mrs Geo L Major
208 Cedar St, Fulton Ky.

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December 16, 1916.

My dear Miss Clay:

The annual convention of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association will be held at Nashville, January 5 and 6, Hotel Hermitage.

We are eager to have an address from you on our night programme of Friday, the fifth. You are such a favorite and such a goodly power that we hope you will be generous and again come to us. We believe we are going to have a well attended convention, and we are anxious to make it the most successful ever held. You can contribute much to this end. We shall be glad to entertain you while in Nashville.

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Most sincerely yours,

Eleanor McCormack
President

Mary P. McVeigh
Secretary

To:

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 16th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Major,

I am delighted to know that you are keeping your suffrage asso. steadily together; and it gives me pleasure to aid you in any way I can.

As helps to the study of the suffrage movement I think the History of Woman Suffrage is indispensable. There are four volumes; but the first one may be all you will need for the early history of the movement. You can obtain information of how to get these volumes by writing to National Headquarters, 171 Madison Avenue, New York.

There is no compilation of the laws specifically relating to women in Kentucky. You will see the difficulties of such a compilation when you remember that the laws may change in material points at any meeting of the legislature. What is the best thing to do is to borrow from some lawyer the Statutes of Kentucky; and ask him how to find the laws which you desire particularly to study. This is not as formidable as it may appear to you; and you will find it an interesting and profitable study. You might do as the woman's clubs do,- appoint some certain woman to bring in a written report on some selected law.

I hope you take the Woman's Journal and the Headquarters News Letter. Without the aid of some good periodical like these it is impossible to keep up with the real live history of the movement, which is advancing and changing almost monthly.

I am sending you, under another cover, some miscellaneous literature, which you may find suggestive along the lines of which you speak. If I can do any thing to help you, be assured I shall consider it a pleasure to do it.

Very cordially yours,

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

Dec. 20th, 1916.

Mrs. James M. McCormack,

Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mrs. McCormack,

Your letter of the 16th is at hand, inviting me to be one of the evening speakers at the Tenn. Suffrage convention in Nashville the 5th of January.

I accept the invitation with pleasure; and will be in the city at the Hermitage hotel on the fifth.

Hoping you a most successful convention and year's work, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dec. 22, 1916

Mr. H. L. Baldensperger,
Secretary National Committee on Prisons,
Broadway and 116th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of December the first, which was written to Bishop Burton of Lexington, Kentucky, on the subject of capital punishment has been referred to me for reply.

The reason why Bishop Burton referred this letter to me for reply being that I am Chairman of the Committee on Social Service in the Diocese of Lexington. I therefore am replying to you on the subject.

I would say first, that the Legislature of the State of Kentucky will not meet again in regular session until January 1918, after a new Legislature is elected in November 1917. Therefore there does not seem to be any great need for taking action just at this time. I would further say, that while I am much interested in the prison reform movement, and I feel that our committee in this Diocese of Lexington will take an interest both personally and officially in the matter of prison reform, yet I am not at all sure that they would take an attitude in opposition to the death penalty as a method of dealing with crime.

Speaking for myself and for some of the committee with whom I have conferred, I would say that my own mind is not closed on the subject and I am not prepared to say that I am definitely and finally committed to the use of the death penalty as a method of dealing with crime, but I am certainly not prepared to take any stand against that method and still less prepared at present to seek to lead any movement against that method of dealing with crime. I should be glad to look into the subject and to examine the results of the use and of the disuse of the death penalty as a method of dealing with crime. Speaking for myself alone and at the present state of my opinion, which opinion is subject to change if the facts warrant a change, I am at present in favor

Mr. Baldensperger # 2

of the use of the death penalty as a method of dealing with some kinds of crime.

Yours very truly,

RGM/W

Dear Miss Laura:

I thought you might like to see
what I wrote on the matter of the death penalty.

I do not think this misrepresents any-
body.

Yours cordially,

Robert H. Massie

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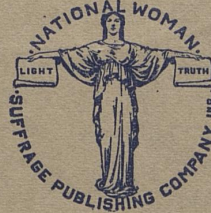
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December 27, 1916.

To the Stockholders:

Enclosed you will find notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders together with a blank proxy. If you are unable to attend the meeting will you not appoint someone to represent you who can attend?

Three Directors will be elected. The terms of office expiring are those of Mrs. McCormick, Miss Ogden and Miss Potter.

Action will be taken at this meeting to amend Section 1 of Article III. of the By-laws by changing the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders from the second Wednesday in January to the third Wednesday in January in each year. The purpose of the proposed change is to give more time for the preparation of reports after the close of the fiscal year on December 31st.

Very truly yours,

Helen Potter

Secretary.

417 Camp St.

December 21, 1916.

Mr. President:-

The Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, anxious to preserve woman suffrage under state sovereignty and also anxious to preserve to the credit of the Democratic Party this greatest and final extension of the suffrage, earnestly calls to your attention the suggestion sent last fall, when as president of the Southern Conference, I recommended that the democratic South be called upon to do its duty to the democratic West by enfranchising its women.

Our board has requested of the southern governors that they meet us in Washington, immediately before or after the inauguration, to decide upon a plan of action that will settle this question in accord with the south's need of protection and which will eliminate any chance of the republican party getting the credit.

If the submission of a federal amendment should be achieved, you well know that its ratification will precipitate all the bitterness of a sectional fight. A little foretaste of this has been indicated in the immigration discussion. Should ratification not be achieved before the next presidential election, there is no doubt that the women's vote, in the mean time, will be educated to become a factor against the party in power, and deservedly so. All of this can be averted by the leaders of the democratic South, enfranchising their women with or without submission to the voters. In this one party territory, the success or defeat of any measure is a question of party endorsement and will pin to the party's standard "Votes for Women", while maintaining the party's principle of state sovereignty.

I hope you will bring your personal influence to encourage such a happy solution of this most important of measures.

With congratulations for the people of the United States on your re-election, I am

Cordially,

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My dear Miss Clay:

We are delighted to know that you will be with us for our convention in Nashville, and desire ~~now~~ now to ask that you let us know the subject of your address by return mail, as our programme must be in the hands of the printer by Saturday morning. If there is any delay in this communication reaching you, please wire at our expense.

With most cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor McCormack
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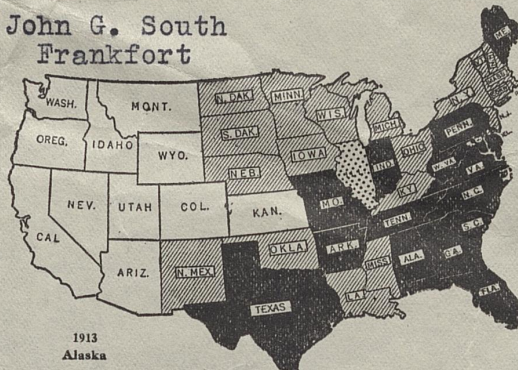
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RICHMOND, KY..
 December 28, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
 Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura:

I am enclosing a copy of the National's plan of Circularization. These directions, as you see, came about the time we were changing Presidents and Headquarters, and for that reason have never been placed before the Board, and no plan adopted as to how muc, if any, of this work would be undertaken by our organization. Of course, it is a little late to do the January circularizing, but I think we can secure the leaflets from the National if our order is sent in at once. However, this plan of circularization will be quite expensive. Whether we can afford it or not, I doubt. There is no question as to the great benefit we would derive from this plan if we could follow it. Will you read the enclosed directions carefully and give us your advice at the next Board Meeting?

In regard to Suffrage Schools: I have written the National and they tell me that the Suffrage Schools were planned for the southern states, and that Kentucky was not included in the plan. It is possible, however, that we could secure a school in the early spring, if our application is sent in at once.

As you doubtless have seen from the paper Hon. William Jennings Bryan is to make several addresses in Kentucky in behalf of Prohibition. I have written asking him to say a word or two for our Cause to each of his audiences and have his assurance that he will do so.

Hon. Bryan did mention suffrage in Lexington.

[Dec. 28, 1916]

Hoping to see you at the Board Meeting January 3rd and
with very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Christina Crapley Sweet

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THE LAST CALL

This is the last call to the housewarming celebration of the Woman's Journal at its new home in Dorchester where Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell lived. September 11 and 13 will be devoted chiefly to showing guests over the house, having them register, showing them the suffrage gallery and the suffrage library and the small collection of curios, letters and documents that have been brought together for their interest.

The ceremony of naming the rooms, dedicating the library, unveiling the gallery, and the festivity of the states will take place on September 12, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be an informal reception in the afternoon at 5 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

To make the celebration as successful as all suffragists will want it to be, we are asking the following co-operation:

- (1) Lists of the noted suffragists of each state,-- the name of every pioneer and the name of every prominent man or woman from each state who stands for votes for women. We wish to have a roll-call for each state
- (2) Pictures of noted suffragists, past or present, for our gallery. Groups or individual portraits, framed or unframed, are acceptable.
- (3) A good sheaf of subscriptions to be sent in by the first of the year. Whether you can send one thousand, one hundred, or ten, it will be appreciated. We do not wish any state to be left out on the roll-call.
- (4) A list of the enrolled suffragists in each town and city and state.
- (5) The pledge of a substantial sum of money payable by January 1, to carry on the work of the Woman's Journal as outlined in "The Torch Bearer." (If this little booklet about the Journal has not come to you, please let us know at once.)
- (6) Let us know if you can come. We need to know how many will be here. Please do not neglect this call because you think some one else is attending to it.

Agnes Ryan.

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My dear Miss Clay-

I don't expect you remember me, but I remember with great pleasure, your being in my old home "Belton Place" at Elizabethtown on one occasion. Now I am writing to ask a favor of you, will you kindly mail to my young son (a freshman at Harvard) any material you have, which you think will be helpful to him in writing an argument on

Woman's Suffrage - especially
in the South - If you will
send him the material at
your very ~~earliest~~ earliest convenience,
I will greatly appreciate it -
He has been ill, & consequently
delayed in writing his
argument - & collecting his
material - Thanking you
in advance, I am

Most sincerely yours

Lucy A. Helms

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