

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 2nd, 1918.

Mrs. Christine B. South,
Frankfort, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. South:

I am sorry to hear from Miss Irene this morning that you are not very well. I hope to hear soon that you are better.

She mentions that you had sent me a package by the same mail. She does not say what it is and I did not receive it by the morning mail. It may come this afternoon.

Have you the printed conditions of our Prize Essays in colleges? I had two of the students from the State University ~~in~~ calling to get information for a suffrage debate in the college and I asked them if they thought a debate could be gotten up in the college for one of our prizes. They thought it very likely it could be done, and gave me the address of their professor of English and said he would be the suitable person for you to correspond with about the matter. I enclose the address. You can either write to him personally, or, if you prefer the Fayette Equal Rights Association will take ~~up~~ the matter itself upon receipt of the conditions.

Hoping you will soon be entirely recovered, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Prof. L. S. Dantylus, Dean of English,
University of Kentucky Lexington, Ky.*

COPY.

Ashville, N. C. January 3rd, 1918.

Dear Mrs. South:

I am mortified to have just found and read your letter of December 24th.

I think you are quite right about calling the Emergency Convention, and, in view of the National's policy, I think I should probably vote against submitting the State amendment. It does seem too bad for I think we probably have the only chance to win that we have had in my life-time, or that we will have again and the National Association will never know what they asked us to give up. But I do believe in a National policy.

I wish I could think that the Federal route was going to be quick. I've believed in it ever since I got into the game, but I thought we had to win more States before we could force that hand. We have won a great many of course, and New York puts a new complexion on things. I still think, one or two more, especially a southern one, would help.

I certainly approve the plan of changing Senators and Representatives. I might approve it more or less if I knew at the present moment just how many had to be changed. I approve changing them anyway, but I can't judge how quick a way it will be of getting Suffrage.

Cordially yours,

Madge McDowell Breckinridge,

P.S. This copy is sent you with Mrs. Breckinridge's consent.

Apr 4, 1917

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Mrs. J. B. Judah,
 2115 Murray Ave.,
 Louisville, Ky.

Lexington, Ky.,

Dear Mrs. Judah:

I have read your letter with considerable surprise.

I don't at all agree with you that my proposition is unreasonable. In fact I think it not only reasonable, but the best way for raising the most money for the K. E. R. A. That it was something of a joke does, I believe, help more than hurt its money raising qualities. But it always takes two to make a joke: and if you weren't feeling in that mood toward it, naturally it didn't appeal to you.

I see no reason why you and Virginia if you desired shouldn't have given your money on the same terms. In fact, I think it would have been good business. If, for instance, I had said that night at the Opera House that one person would give \$5.00, if nine other persons did, and had taken a little time over it, I am sure we would have gotten the other fives. I think that was the chief fault of that night's effort that I did not try harder and longer on the sums that more people in that large audience would have felt inclined to give. But the lateness of the hour made me timid about delaying and the conditional plan

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which would have been an exclusion, ~~Lexington, Ky.~~ occur to me and wasn't suggested. I would have been grateful for the suggestion.

The Associated Charities has been raising money in the last week in Lexington with several such conditional offers. The President said he would give \$100.00 if so many others did. That proposition has been taken up. I have had a standing offer for a number of years to be one of ten to give \$25 or \$50. The \$25 has always been taken up, though I and others have had to work pretty hard sometimes to get the other nine. They tell me this year that they expect to take me up on the ten fifties, as I hope they will. Otherwise Desha and I will each go in with the \$25 group, and he will also go in with that one if I go in with the \$50 group. I adopted that plan with the Associated Charities in order to help get the money needed after finding for some years how little good the go-it-alone plan did the society.

As you know, when I suggested this conditional plan in the K. E. R. A., we were not getting large sums regularly from anybody except Miss Laura. Mrs. Bennett used to give \$100 to the National, but though I may be mistaken, I do not think she was in the habit of giving as large a sum as that to the Kentucky until after I became president, when we began trying to get the fashion started.

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You will remember that when I put in the \$100 silently toward Miss Glem's salary it didn't bring any others. I haven't been giving it conditionally to advertise myself, but because I believe it's the way to get the other nine hundreds and that one hundred alone does little good. As the interest increases I think the conditions can profitably be stiffened. If we go into campaign this year I think we can certainly get ten hundred dollar donors in addition to the Clay family and to the contributions of the county leagues.

It wouldn't bother me at all to have the ^{eight} man, as you suggest, make the same condition. I think each one of the ten might give on condition that the other nine gave: and I believe we'd get it.

My belief that we can get a good finance committee this year is based on the two new factors: that Mrs. South has more connections, personal and political, over the State than I had, and that going into campaign will make it lots easier than it ever has been to arouse interest.

I shall be glad to serve on the finance committee and to work hard as soon as the doctor turns me loose, if that is the direction in which the K. E. R. A. thinks I can serve best.

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In the meantime I shall be glad to do all I can, as a formal member of the committee, as I have done until I was laid off, without being a formal member. The first year I had the luck to get the \$1000 from Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Hubbard. I have gotten some hundreds from people who hadn't given anything before and some smaller sums. Of course the "luck" comes only after you have immolated yourself to do the asking - and also very often after that it doesn't come! I dread asking people for money as much as anyone else can, and in one way it is harder for me because I have to "beg" for so many different things. But, as I have said if the Board, or whoever forms the Finance Committee, wants me to go ~~in~~ on it, I will.

In moving the things from the office to my Herald office, I found one or two sheets of ancient paper, - I am using them for this letter, to remind you how we have improved - if slowly. On that first Board, though at the request of the former Board I had suggested several of the members myself, I had practically not one bit of help except from Miss Laura and Mrs. ^{Warfield} Bennett. The others, as a rule, could not even attend meetings. The next year Mrs. Maury said she couldn't do

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anything and I got Mrs. Hutchinson. Now you have a Board with hardly a slacker. It makes me feel that though we have never yet gotten a good "state-wide" finance committee, we may still hope to do it.

Your letter came as I was packing my trunk. I read it and put it in, and the trunk went to the station where it still is. I haven't yet gotten off due to the demoralized running of the trains, but expect to tonight.

I didn't think it rude but for some reason it did strike me as distinctly unfriendly. I had considered that we were good friends. I had certainly had that feeling toward you, and it's apt to be a permanent status with me - with the added bond of our intense interest in the suffrage cause. I would have been a good deal hurt at the letter, but I have reasoned myself into seeing that it is of course an impersonal thing. You are simply expressing your views of what is good for the K. E. R. A., as I was expressing mine by my proposition and am again expressing and defending them in this letter. If we go into campaign the Board will certainly have to take up actively the question of finances and of forming a finance committee. I will be glad to make my proposition formally to the Board

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through the President and let them reject it if they think it foolish or unreasonable. I could of course use the \$100 profitably in a good many directions. But I prefer to use it to help the suffrage cause in Kentucky most.

I presume, as you do not mention them, that the other suggestions I made as to money raising did not appeal to you either and I certainly shan't bother you with any hereafter when I have the feeling that they are not desired.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:

Owing to illness and a rush of work
this is my first opportunity to write to you. I have not been
well at all since my return from Washington.

In regard to printed conditions for
Prize Essays in Colleges, I am sorry to say I have not made up
these conditions. The conditions used in the schools did not
seem to me very satisfactory as they gave so little publicity.
I have thought something of having debates in the colleges, this
arouses more interest but of course it does give an opportunity
for the introduction of Anti-Suffrage Argument.

It has been suggested that each college
hold a debate, the subject to be, "Should Women Vote" or some
similar title, sending to us the paper on the affirmative side
which they have judged the best, both in subject matter, style
&c. Our committee would judge these papers and give the One
Hundred Dollars as one prize to the paper which gives the best

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and most original arguments. Will you let me know what you think of this suggestion and will you kindly send any suggestions you may have in mind in regard to these conditions. I wish so much I could persuade you to draw up the entire set of rules governing the college prize.

I think it would be a splendid idea for the Fayette Equal Rights to take up the matter of arranging a debate for Kentucky University.

I hope you received the package containing the underwear you so kindly let me have during our stay in Washington. I feel that I cannot thank you enough for these garments, they certainly saved my life during the terrible weather.

With very best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

Christine Brasley Smith

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 11th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. South,

Hurrah for our great victory! Though I am a States' Rights woman I realize that the vote in the House is a wonderful step towards our final triumph, either by the federal or the state route.

I am sorry to learn that you are still not in your usual health. The papers had it that you had gone to Washington for the vote in the House; so I was disappointed when I learned that you are still confined to home from sickness.

Now about the conditions for the suffrage prizes in colleges: I do not think we can afford to offer one hundred dollars in one prize. My idea is that for every prize offered we shall get practically a fine address to an interested audience, equal in efficiency and converting power to one of the best platform speakers at the expense to the Asso. of only a ten dollar prize; that is, the hall, and the speakers and audience being provided for by the friends of the college and the speakers. The winning paper would be of no value to us, as the Publishing House furnishes leaflets much better suited to distribution. So I would leave the decision and the awarding of the prize to the local judges appointed by those getting up the contest.

I find that the Fayette M. R. A. is very responsive to any effort I ask of them; and if you care to have me do so I will cheerfully undertake to draw up the entire set of rules, as you request, for I think I can get valuable and practical suggestions from our members connected with the faculty of our various institutions of education in this city. So I shall proceed upon your wish expressed in your letter unless I hear further from you.

Yes; I got the parcel containing the underwear. I am glad it was of use to you, for certainly we have had unprecedented cold conditions.

Now as to our legislative work: I hope the vote in Congress will induce the National Board to withdraw its objections to our asking for a state amendment; and that the Louisville officers will not obstruct our doing so. I feel that it would be a great pity to have a called convention, after the Lexington convention expressed its wishes so clearly; and I hope it can be arranged without any thing so pronounced. My idea is that Ky. cannot be depended upon to carry the Federal Amendment without further suffrage education; and yet Mrs. Catt mentioned Ky. in the states she enumerated as those she expected finally to vote for it. To give this education we all are convinced that we must have something concrete to work for, and not merely the abstract right of suffrage. I believe a state amendment is the best concrete object; if we win that, it is complete in itself. If we lose it, I cannot see that we or any other state is in a worse condition than we are now. We will be delayed five years before the question can be put up again, but in that time the Federal Amendment might be carried. For our success, I count first upon the declaration of all the parties; second, upon President Wilson's influence, and third, upon what campaigning we can do. Judging from the Ky. vote in the House, and the degree of organization we already have, I believe we could carry the districts which are Republican, and those of all the Congressmen except Rouse and Kincheloe, and possibly Helm. Louisville has gone so strongly Republican, that I believe it can be carried, in spite of Sherley, as the Republicans were so strong for it in Congress. We have enough money in sight to work

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in organizing the first year, that is, in 1918. If the Federal Amendment is carried by the forty-one legislatures which vote in 1919, then we will not need to do anything more. If the Federal Amendment is not carried in 1919, then it is clear that more suffrage states are needed, and events will help us finish the campaign successfully, and incidentally to get money for it.

When you feel well enough, write me about these things. I think we can wait without impatience until we see how our cause goes in the U.S. Senate; as we had already decided not to press the State Amendment until the prohibition amendment was practically out of the way. But I do think you should be laying plans to have the state amendment ready for quick action when the time comes when we are free to act.

Hoping soon to hear that you are entirely well, I am

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky., Jan 14th 1918.

Miss Laura Clay

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Dear Miss Clay:-
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My Dear Miss Laura:

Judge O'Rear has left Frankfort on account of illness and will be absent in Florida for several weeks. I had expected to have him draw the bill for Presidential Suffrage. I know of no other lawyer here to whom I care to entrust this bill as I understand that it must be very carefully drawn. I am inclosing in this letter Judge O'Rear's opinion together with a copy of the Illinois bill and an article by Chief Justice Walter Clark of North Carolina. Will you select the lawyer in Lexington you consider best qualified to draw this bill and have him draw it at once.

Now as to our Legislative work, it seems best to me to wait until the Senate takes action upon the Federal Amendment before we introduce any bill of any kind. I will of course prepare for ratification, in case the Amendment passes. If the Amendment fails to pass, the Presidential Suffrage bill can go in at once.

I have wanted to call a Board meeting but the weather has been so bad, I have postponed doing so.

I am gratefully relieved that you are willing to draw the conditions governing the Suffrage debates as I am simply too busy to undertake it.

Do I understand from your letter that you wish to submit the State amendment even if the Federal Amendment has passed and been ratified, and do I understand that you wish to submit the State Amendment whether the National wishes or not?

With very best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Christine B. South

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.
Jan. 18th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. South,

Your letter of the 16th is at hand. I have succeeded in securing a committee representing the four educational institutions of our city to help to draw up the rules for the Prize Essay Contests; and the Fayette W. A. will try to arrange one or more contests in this city, so that we can have practical observation of the rules, and may amend them, if desirable, before they are used largely throughout the state.

I am glad you have so valuable an opinion on the Presidential suffrage as that of Judge O'Rear's. It is admirable, and confirms all I have ever read on the subject. I think you ~~would~~ should have a number of copies prepared to hand to legislators who may desire to read the argument. I think the bill may be drawn up by some legislator who is in favor of the bill, and who may be willing to introduce it. I would advise, in order to help him, that you write at once to National Headquarters, and ask for copies of Presidential bills passed in the several states which have granted that ~~form~~ form of suffrage the past year. I do not know of any lawyer in Lexington to whom to apply to write the bill; and if you consider it necessary to have one, I advise that you ask the Louisville officers to secure one, as they are urging that bill particularly. I do not know why you should delay the introduction of that bill, as the National does not oppose it; and the Ky. Convention voted for it. It might be made a means of finding out the views of legislators on other suffrage bills, whilst you are lobbying for it.

If the U.S. senate passes the Federal Amendment in time for the Ky. legislature to act upon it, and it is ratified in Ky., the importance of a State referendum is of course affected. But if that is not passed and submitted in a few weeks, I am clear in my own mind that a state referendum is the best thing for us. I do not think the National has any just right to interpose against the decision of our convention. It is true, at Washington it was decided that the policy should be against state referenda in general; but you may remember that I got the decision from Mrs. Catt that the policy of the Asso. could not contradict authoritatively the constitution, which clearly recognizes the right of states to work by state legislation. I hold, therefore, that our right to proceed is indisputable. However, I do not believe we could carry the state amendment with a divided association, though if we are in unison I feel very confident of success. Therefore, I would be unwilling to push our clear right to the point of disrupting our Asso.; and the attitude of the Louisville women seems to threaten that unless the National Board withdraws its opposition. I am in hopes it will do so, if we wait patiently for the vote in the U.S. Senate. If it is favorable, and Ky. does not have time to ratify, or refuses to do so, it seems to me patent that even for the plans of the National a referendum would be the best policy. We have organization enough and money enough in hand and in reliable pledges to make a creditable campaign for ten or twelve months, that is, in the year 1918; then if the Federal Amendment is ratified by the 41 legislatures which meet in the early months of 1919, ~~ratify~~ our state campaign stops automatically. If they fail to ratify, then the assistance of Ky. will be very necessary; and we could and would find money enough to finish the campaign in 1919, with good hope of victory at the November election of 1919. Personall, I am in favor of a state referendum in any circumstances; but I am not willing to cause disruption to push that view. I hope before you de-

cide upon any bill but that of presidential suffrage, or about what shall be done about other bills, that you will call a Board meeting, and that you will call it to meet in Frankfort. The trains admit of a longer time to be spent in Frankfort and return home that meeting in Louisville; and if there is any time to spare, it can be very profitably used in seeing members of the Legislature. As Febr. 1st is now close at hand, and the papers state that the question is likely to come up in the U.S. Senate before Febr. 1st, I think you could wait till that time, and choose a day as soon after as possible when the Board might be able to see legislators. If action is not taken in the U.S. Senate by that time, or very soon after, it seems to me we should have the Board meeting, so as to be sure that we are not too late to work for something in our legislature. But as you are in close contact with the legislature, you could decide how much time we should allow ourselves better than I can do.

I hope that you are not still suffering for your Washington illness. The weather has been so terrible that it has interrupted everything. But the disturbances of old traditions by this very weather and the political consequences of its effects upon industries may be very helpful to us in our fight for suffrage. I am very strongly of that opinion that the war, instead of stopping our fight for suffrage, affords an opportunity for success which it would be disastrous to neglect. Therefore, let us keep up a stout heart, and hope that the differences of opinion which now seem to hamper our Board and our work, may disappear in time for us to do something very effective in this legislature.

Very cordially yours,

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Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Laura:

You will find inclosed a copy of the bill you wished to see, also the copy of the letter from Mrs. Breckinridge, which I failed to send in my last letter.

The rules drawn up by the committee to be used in the Prize Essay Contest, suit me perfectly. I wish to thank you for helping me in this matter and I do wish you could be persuaded to take the Chairmanship for the work, I know you would do it thoroughly and I feel it has never been given the publicity it should have had.

Unless something happens to prevent I think I will call a Board meeting early next week. I will notify you later.

With very best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Christine Wesley South

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Jan. 1918
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

T. R. PREDICTS REPUBLICANS WILL PUSH SUFFRAGE IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 26. -- That Republican initiative in the passage of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment will be as pronounced and as potent in the Senate as it was in the House is the prediction of Colonel Roosevelt in a letter yesterday to Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire. Writes the Colonel:

"My dear Senator Gallinger:-

I am glad to know that so large a proportion, not less than 75%, of the Republicans in the Senate are going to support the woman suffrage federal amendment.

The vote in the House, 165 yeas, out of the total of 198 of the Republicans voting, shows that the Republican Party is taking the leading part in the liberal and inevitable movement for enfranchising women.

I hope that when the vote is taken in the Senate, it will be found that the few yet unconvinced Republicans will be ready to unite with the majority in giving such a total vote as will demonstrate to the entire country that the Republican Party is a unit on this vital question.

The Republican Party will do as it has done in the past and take the lead in completing the work of giving a square deal to the women in this country, who are at this very moment standing shoulder to shoulder with their husbands and fathers, their sons and brothers in the great war for liberty and justice.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt"

My proposition was to give \$100 if nine other persons outside the Clay family did so. I let in County Leagues last year, as the only way I seemed to be able to get my own \$100. was to help raise the ninth hundred from the Fayette County League. *members - Mrs. Kelley's Louisville pledge.* I said nothing about leagues at the Lexington money-raising - though I did distinctly state my proposition as "Ten individuals." I thought it was fine for the Leagues to be promising \$100., and I didn't want to add anything that might seem discouraging, when the time was so brief and it was important to keep up enthusiasm.

But I do not doubt in the least that if we go into campaign, we can and should find ten persons in the State to give \$100. in addition to League contributions and to Miss Laura and Mrs. Bennett, who always give largely anyway. I think we might count the second generation - Elise * in with our ten.

If the Board thinks this proposition is silly they can turn it down. ~~Or they can leave it to the Finance Committee, which I conclude we are going to have, because we must if we go into campaign, to decide whether or not to accept and to handle. I firmly believe that a Finance Committee could use it with good effect.~~

M. McD. B.

Jan. 4. I think the Board had better settle it -
M. McD. B. -

Frankfort, Ky. Jan. 31st, 1918.

My Dear Miss Laura:

Did it occur to you that we did not have a quorum at the last Board meeting? Mrs. Whiteside arrived late, left early and resigned as a member of the Board. I consider we had no quorum and nothing done at that Board meeting could stand. I have discussed these matters with my husband and it is his opinion as well as my own that I would have no legal right to proceed.

As so few were present and as the questions to be determined are so vital, I deem it fair to call another Board meeting early next week. I will in the meantime secure legal advice upon all of the questions involved so that we may arrive at some definite point of action. It is my intention to call this Board meeting at the earliest possible moment, possibly Monday or Tuesday, I cannot set the positive date in this letter because I have not yet received the Attorney's opinion. As soon as I have, I shall call the Board meeting and give each member ample time to be present.

Hoping that some way satisfactory to all may be found out of this tangle, I am

Very cordially yours,

Christine D. Smith

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