

45 Boutwell Ave., Dorchester, Mass.,
January 7, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

Miss Lavinia Dock, who has been taking such an active part in fighting the Page Bill, writes me that it would be helpful if as many women as possible would write to Robert W. de Forest, 7, Washington Square North, New York City, expressing their disapproval of Clause 79 and asking if it is true that the Sage Fund money is being used in behalf of it, or saying that they hope it is not being so used. Miss Dock says that these letters had better be stirred up by quiet personal correspondence, not by public appeal. Of course the letters should not mention that the writers have been asked to send them. It will have more effect if they do not seem to be the result of concerted action. Miss Dock thinks it would do him good to get letters from women in widely separated parts of the country. If you can stimulate the writing of any such letters, I hope you will do so. Of course it would be best to write only to such women as you know to be opposed to Clause 79.

At the meeting of the Massachusetts State Board yesterday, it was voted to ask the National Association to hold its next annual Convention in Boston. The general sentiment was that it would help the Massachusetts work. I am quite sure that it will help the Massachusetts work, but from the point of view of the National work, I think it would be a mistake for the National Convention to come to Boston this year. There is at present a renewal of the chronic growl among some of the western suffragists that the National is an "Eastern Association". I have ~~felt~~ felt quite riled by some remarks which I have lately seen on this subject in the papers and elsewhere. The Association is ~~an~~ even threatened with a split, based largely on this complaint, though I don't know how serious this danger may be. Perhaps it does not amount to much. But it seems to me that after holding the Convention at Washington last year, to hold it again this year at the East and at the extreme ~~a~~ Eastern edge- would be playing right into the hands of the disaffected element. It

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would give s them ~~ax~~ some real reason to say that they were not quite fairly treated, but were required to take an undue amount of time, trouble, and money to get to the Convention. It seems to me this is the very least propitious time for us to depart from our unwritten rule of going west every other year. Therefore I favor Louisville rather than Boston, for 1911. If the National Convention could come to Boston in 1912, when it will be the turn of the East to have it, that would be very nice for Massachusetts.

The feeling in the Massachusetts Board was that if Massachusetts would like to have the Convention this year and would be helped by it, the State Board ought to give the invitation and leave it to the National Board to consider whether it would or would not be advantageous to the National to accept. Mrs. Fitzgerald was strong for giving the invitation, but she told me afterwards that if she were the National Board, she would refuse ~~x~~ it, and would go instead to California, where the National Educational Association is going to meet and will have reduced rates. I suppose we could have an invitation from California if we wanted it. However, Louisville is part way west, and would not be quite such a slap in the face for the ~~rest~~ westerners as Boston. I agree with Mrs. Dennett and Miss Ashley that it is important to have the political party work fully explained at the next Convention, but that could be done just as well and more cheaply by having half a dozen women who have been doing it and know all about it, come to Louisville and talk to the Convention. I am expressing only my own personal opinion, The State Board in general would be glad to have the National come this year. I should be, if I looked at it only from the point of view of Massachusetts, but from the National point of view I think ~~x~~ it would be bad.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Stone Blackwell.

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45 Boutwell Ave., Dorchester, Mass.,

March 17, 1911.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

Enclosed is the financial statement of the Woman's Journal for January and February. It has been sent regularly by Miss Ryan to Miss Ashley, but Mrs. McCulloch has lately asked for copies, and I think a copy should be sent regularly to each member of the Official Board.

Miss Ryan made her sworn statement this week of our circulation - and I think you will all be pleased, as I was, to find that she has got it up to nearly 15,000.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Stone Blackwell

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SUBSCRIPTIONS		\$743.46
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Mrs. Luscomb	Carriage fund	30.00
Mrs Page & Mrs Fitzgerald	" "	25.00
Miss Anna Whiting	" "	10.00
		<u>\$65.00</u>
Special contribution		
Miss Agnes E. Ryan		59.00
Contribution on account telephone		
Mr Francis J Garrison	20.00	144.00
ADVERTISING		184.80
Bally Anns Experience		6.25
Suffragette		9.30
Literature, ? slips, extra papers, etc.		36.98
Interest at bank		66
Income for January		<u>1125.45</u>

TRANSFERS.

Miss Ryan's check	59.00	
Check for carriage fund	65.00	
Money order and check to order of National Association	2.00	
Feb. 1 check	800.00	
" 4 "	<u>199.45</u>	1125.45

January 1, Check from Miss Ashley	350.00
February 1, " " " "	<u>350.00</u>
	700.00

OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Mailing deposit	40.00	
Salaries	292.50	
Picture for carriage	5.00	
Telegrams	2.35	
Express	15	
Office Supplies, stamps, etc	62.78	
Exchange charges on checks	<u>81</u>	403.59
Balance on Hand February 1, 1911		<u>296.41</u>

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Bills to New York. January 1911.

L. E. S. Adams	Rep. Buggy & lettering	69.48	
	repairing buggy	3.25	\$72.73
J. Coutanche	Shelves and partition		34.07
Watson G Cutter & Sons	Rent for Jan.		35.00
Edison Elec. Illum. light	Electric lights		3.08
E. L. Grimes	Printing paper		
	Jan. 7	115.00	
	14	115.00	
	21	117.88	
(extra copies for quarterly letter)	28	126.45	474.33
N. E. Tel. & Tel co.	Telephone		12.68
Chas. Wesley Hearn	Reproducing print horse and carriage		3.00
Little Brown & Co.	Jan 3 35¢ Jan 13 70¢		
	4 35¢ 14 35¢		
	6 35¢ 16 35¢		
	7 35¢ 17 1.05¢		
	7 70¢ 20 35¢		
	7 70¢ 23 70¢		
	11 70¢ 26 2.80		
	12 70¢ 27 35¢		10.85
Boston Mailing Co.	Mailing paper Etc.		
	Jan. 10	44.45	
	" 17	2.38	
	" 26	41.50	
	" 31	2.81	
		42.69	
		2.81	
		51.59	
		<u>2.84</u>	191.07
Geo McKittrick & Co	Directory of advertisers		15.00
Mercantile Printing Co	Subscription blanks		8.50
United States Engraving Co.	Cuts	3.10	
		17.73	
		3.25	24.08
Underwood typewriter Co			80.00
The Office Appliance Co			50.00
			<u>\$1014.39</u>

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Feb. 1911

Office Expenses as per attached memo	395.02
Bills for Feb. as per attached memo	<u>891.36</u>
Total expense for February-----	1296.38
Income as per attached memo	<u>1041.45</u>
Loss for February -----p-----	244.93

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

722.77

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Mrs. Luscomb	10.00	
Miss Grace B White	5.00	
Mrs. Luscomb	28.00	
Mrs. Clara Barton	<u>4.00</u>	47.00

ADVERTISING

108.80

Sally Anns Experience 11.52

Suffragette 23.00

Proceeds at booth at Style show 11.40

Literature, ? Slips. papers, etc. 115.69

Interest at Bank 1.27

1041.45

TRANSFERS.

March 2 check 1031.45

" " " 10.00

1041.45

~~8663~~Balance on hand Feb 1st for office expenses as
per January 31st statement

296.41

March 1st check from Miss Ashley

440.00

736.41

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Mailing Deposit \$20.00

Salaries 283.00

Telegram 30

Express 2.94

Office supplies 29.13

Stamps 50.25

Extra work 5.50

Carpet sweeper & broom 3.20

Exchange on checks 70395.02

Balance on hand Mar. 1st for March expenses

341.39

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January 1911.

Office Expenses as per attached memo	403.59
Bills for January as per attached memo	<u>1014.39</u>
Total expense for January	<u>1417.98</u>
Income as per attached memo	<u>1125.45</u>
Loss for January	292.53

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BILLS TO NEW YORK. February 1911.

American Engraving Co.	H. T. from Painting				2.25
Boston Mailing Co.	Mailing paper, etc.				
	Jan 31	7.50			
	Feb 4	45.50			
		2.84			
	" 11	44.54			
		2.85			
	" 18	44.85			
		2.85			
	" 25	42.39			
		<u>2.88</u>			
					196.20
Boston National Style Show	Booth at Show				62.50
E. P. Chandler & Co	use horse				7.00
J. E. S. Adams	repairs on carriage-				3.00
Otis Emmerson Dunham	legal services				5.00
Edison Electric Ill. Co	electric lights				2.09
E. L. Grimes	printing paper				
	Feb 4	115.00			
	11	115.09			
	18	115.00			
	25	<u>115.00</u>			
					460.09
Houghton Mifflin Co.	Books				2.55
Little Brown & Co.	" (Sally Anne Ex)				
	Feb. 3	1.75	Feb. 23	1.75	
	8	70	24	35	
	9	1.05	24	35	
	10	35	27	70	
	15	35	6	30	8.70
	16	35			
	18	35			
	20	35			
Special Deliv. Messenger Co.	Boys deliv. papers				13.35
Mercantile Printing Co.	job printing	9.00			
	note paper	1.50			
	Cards "Caritas"	<u>14.00</u>			24.50
Notman Photographic Co.	J W Howe photos				45.00
N. E. Tel & Tel Co .	telephone				10.04
United States Engrav. Co.	H.T. Of Mme. Liphowska	2.50			
	" " Wagon etc	4.40			
	" " colors	3.80			10.70
Watson G. Cutter & Sons	rent for March				25.00
Union Engraving Co	Equal pay cut				3.19

891.36

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Richmond, Kentucky.

May 23rd, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

I have been exceedingly interested in the statement made by Martha Gruening, in her article on Universal Vs. Limited Suffrage, appearing in the W. Journal of May 20th, "That The converse of this principle is also true, has been painfully illustrated in the Southern States, which first disfranchised their Negroes and then cut down school appropriations!" The underscored words caused me surprise, in view of the fact that popular interest in education in many of the southern states has within the past few years taken on a marked increase. This educational movement is much the topic in club circles; and ~~accurate~~ ^{particularized} information on such a point as Martha Gruening makes is bound to arouse attention among all club women to whose notice it comes. As a club woman who is frequently in a position to be asked questions on all related points of educational matters in the Southern states I am very desirous to have the data on which Miss Gruening founds the statement; and as it is a tedious and laborious task to collect it for myself, I am writing to ask if you will not request Miss Gruening to supply her data to you for publication in the Woman's Journal, with the assurance that it will be a matter of interest to a wide circle of readers.

Hoping to have full particulars of the grounds for this statement in the near future I am, as always,

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay.

(Copy)

45 Boutwell Ave., Dorchester, Mass.,
May 4. 1911.

Dear Mrs. Dennett:-

This morning I made a special trip to the printing office to see ~~if~~ if there were any bad misprints, for most of the page proofs were not ready when I had to leave last night, and by the end of the day I could see that poor Miss Ryan was very tired, so that I thought something might have escaped her. When I got there, I ~~found~~ ^{was told} that 2500 copies had already been printed and started on their way to New York; so I was too late to straighten out anything in the copies that were to be used for the parade. However, I did not find many mistakes. I corrected a few, and thought that taken as a whole the paper looked very well. It was not possible, as you will see, to get all the biographical sketches and portraits on to two pages. So ~~that~~ they had to overflow. I am sure they make a much ~~more~~ prettier and more interesting first page than my editorial on the procession would have done, if I had put it there as you suggested. I am afraid you will not be satisfied with the procession editorial - I was not - but it seemed to be the best I could do. That sort of thing is not in my line.

Miss Ryan and I made up the dummy in accordance with the directions from headquarters with the "Votes for Women" in big letters across the bottom of the first page and "Some of the Suffrage Paraders" in big letters across the top of the second; but the printers raised various technical difficulties which we had not known about, and which Miss Ryan will explain to you on her visit to New York, so that it seemed necessary to leave them out. It must have taken an immense amount of work for you/ people at

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headquarters to get together such a quantity of pictures and information. I am sure that the number will be of unusual interest to our readers.

I was sincerely sorry to have to put in an expression of dissent from the advice to give money to suffrage "to the exclusion of other causes." I telegraphed to know whose name was to be signed to that article, and received a telegraphic reply that it was to be anonymous. I am accustomed to putting in articles expressing all sorts of opinions, not necessarily mine, over the signatures of the writers; but for anything which appears in the Woman's Journal anonymously, I am held responsible. I do not think there has ever been a vote of the board that suffragists should be urged to discontinue giving money for any object except suffrage, and there would certainly be a great diversity of ~~of~~ opinion about this in the Association, and probably on the official board itself. It seemed to me an especial pity to suggest that we should not contribute for the child labor committee. In Victor Hugé's novel, "Ninety-Three," some children are in danger of perishing in a burning tower about which the Royalists and the Republicans have been fighting. The leaders of both sides unite to get them out. An old aristocrat holds the top of the ladder shouting, "Long live the king!" The Republican General holds it at the bottom crying, "Long live the Republic!" and between them the children are handed down in safety. I always liked that little incident.

One other point. Miss Martha Gruening in her article, a capital one in the main, refers to non-union workers as "scabs".

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I wish she would consent to change that. She says ~~that~~ "their more prosperous native born sisters- filled their places- as scabs". I wish she would use some other word. But, if she does not wish to, the article can go in as it stands; but it would make a better impression and do more good without it.

I do hope that the parade will go off successfully, and that the sales of the Journal will put some money into the treasury. Most of the material that I had prepared myself for this issue got crowded out, as well as considerable of what you had sent; but all of the most necessary things got in, I think, and certainly it makes a fine number of the paper. I am pleased to see how handsome many of our new workers are. The picture of Mrs. Ivins did not come.

Yours cordially,

Alice Stone Blackwell

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

June 2nd 1911

Dear Miss Blackwell

My chief authority for the reference to the Southern States is Ray Stannard Baker's book, "Following the Color Line" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), especially the chapter entitled "The Negro in Politics", from which I quote the following, pp. 246-7-8:

"It is a fact of common knowledge that aristocracies cannot long survive when free education is for all classes of people. Every aristocracy that has survived has had to monopolize learning more or less completely - else it went to the wall. Education enables the Negro, as Mr. Lane points out, to ascertain his rights. To prevent his ascertaining his rights, he must not be educated. The undivided supremacy of the White Party is clearly bound up with Negro ignorance. Therefore we have seen and are now seeing in certain parts of the South continuous agitation against the education of Negroes" ----- "The result of this feeling has been an actual reduction of Negro schooling, in many localities, especially in Louisiana, and little progress elsewhere, as compared with the rapid educational development of the whites, ----- except thru' the work of the Negroes themselves."

Mr. Baker gives the following examples of the attitude of the majority of Southerners and their representatives on the subject of Negro education: Governor Vardmanin cutting off an appropriation of \$8,000 for Alcorn College, said: I am not anxious to see the Negro a skilled mechanic. God Almighty intended him to till the soil under the direction of the white man, and that is what we are going to teach him at Alcorn College." (p. 247). Another is from a letter of Mr. Charles P. Lane, Editor of the Hunnewell, Alabama, Daily Tribune to Governor Cromer, (p. 248). "We, the Southern people, entertain no prejudice against the ignorant per se inoffensive Negro, but our blood boils when the educated Negro asserts himself politically." Governor Hoke Smith and others have ex-

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pressed themselves in a similar fashion, and in the same year, a compulsory education bill was introduced into the Alabama legislature, carefully framed so as to apply only to white people.

My further authority was a statement by Professor Charles F. Emerick, head of the Economics Department at Smith College, in which he pointed out ~~that~~ the situation in Mississippi, which had first disfranchised its negroes, and then cut down their (the Negroes') School appropriation as significant of the relation between Suffrage and popular education. My statement was not meant to apply to all the Southern States, but only to those where this tendency has shown itself, - North Carolina and Kentucky being the most conspicuous exceptions. Mr. Baker speaks of this in the chapter, "The New Southern Statesmanship", in which he quotes the admirable resolutions drawn up by the Southern Education Association at its 1907 meeting. He further states his general conclusions thus: "So the State limits Suffrage and rightly, so long as it accompanies the limitation with a determined policy of education, but the Suffrage Law is so exercised in the South to-day as to keep many capable Negroes from exercising their rights, to prevent recognition of honest merit and is executed unjustly as between white men and colored." (p. 303).

Very sincerely yours

Martha Greening

MG/MMB

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Chilmark, Dukes County, Mass.,
August 8, 1911.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

Many thanks to you and to Mrs. Bennett for your cordial invitation to visit you. I am hoping to accept, and am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you.

You congratulate me on concealing so successfully the irritation that I must have felt over the proposal to drop the word American out of the name of the Association. But the truth is, I did not feel much. I suppose one grows more philosophical as one grows older. Besides, this proposal did not arise out of any lingering party feeling against the American wing; it was an innocent suggestion on the part of some inexperienced young women who thought our present name rather unwieldy and didn't know anything about the past history or the offense that would be given to some of our older members by the change. Mrs. Dennett writes me that she is now convinced that the proposed change would be unwise. I don't think that there is much chance of its carrying, and if it did carry, I should not greatly care, though I should consider it a piece of folly.

Yours cordially,

Alice Stone Blackwell.

*Unofficial. Copies sent only to Miss Gardner and
Miss McCulloch.*

Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 26th, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

You have received, I suppose, a copy of the answer of Mrs. Bennett and Miss Ashley to my letter of Sept. 12th to the Official Board. These letters revealed one thing which surprised me, - and that is that the officers at headquarters do not any more know certainly of all subjects which come up than the distant members. I have not yet had an answer from Miss Shaw, but unless she was out of the city when Mrs. Belmont's letter dated March 23rd arrived, the fact that the other two in headquarters did not know of its contents until about the middle of April indicates that they were not informed until about the time Miss Shaw wrote her letter of April 16th to the rest of us. This makes me feel for the first time that the plans for the coming year are not so fixed at New York that it is scarcely worth while for the other officers to think of the future of the Association till the outcome of the Convention is known. I now feel that it is our duty to go to the convention prepared to do our full share in suggesting ways and means to meet the difficulties which are confronting the Asso. The first of these are the headquarters. We know that we have strained every resource to pay for them till Febr. Three times Miss Shaw has presented promises of support from Mrs. Belmont; and three times that support has failed. The first time was when at the Board meeting in New York in Dec. 1909 Mrs. Belmont told the Board that she desired the headquarters to be removed, except the desk of Miss Shaw, unless Miss Shaw was satisfied. It appeared at the time that we would have to get out of 505 Fifth Ave. before the convention. That was averted; and the circumstance was not generally known at the convention. This year, however, the fact is perhaps very generally known. Second, the pledge given by Mrs. Belmont and published in the minutes was accepted by the convention and precluded all other provisions for the lo-

cation or support of headquarters. All these expectations were overthrown by the simple process of Mrs. Belmont's changing her mind. Mrs. Bennett tells us that in lieu of the promised money till the convention Mrs. Belmont had promised one thousand dollars for the support of headquarters. But I believe that the convention will be very much of my mind, - that a thousand dollars with conditions attached which precluded ^{some of the Board} even taking the offer into consideration ~~by some of the Board~~ was in no sense a substitute for a pledge which had been publicly made and publicly accepted by ^{the} convention itself. Three such evidences that Mrs. Belmont desires to help only on conditions of her own choosing must discourage even Miss Shaw from coming with a fourth offer, should Mrs. Belmont be willing to make another offer. For I do not see how any of the circumstances can be kept from the convention.; and I cannot suppose the convention will for the fourth time consent to rely upon such support. But unless Miss Shaw has promises of which we have not yet been informed, there are no expectations of special gifts for headquarters; and the Asso. must look to paying the whole rent from its usual income. We all know this is practically impossible, if the headquarters are kept in New York and at the same rate of expense for keeping them up as that of the past two years.

The next great problem is the maintenance of the Woman's Journal. This is about the only real great enterprise the National now has on hand; and about the only one concerning which the officers at headquarters and those distant are cordially agreed. If equal progress towards becoming self-sustaining is made during the coming year as has been made the past year, that will be a problem for a short time only. But just now it is a problem, especially as the Thomas-Garrett fund has nearly expired; and the support of headquarters has been withdrawn by Mrs. Belmont. Now after receiving the letters from Miss Ashley and Mrs. Bennett

it has occurred to me that they, like me, were hurried by lack of time for sufficient consideration preparation in committing the Assn. to New York headquarters beyond the time of the convention, at an expense which it is plain it cannot sustain. So to come to my point without further preliminaries,- If it proves possible to discuss removing headquarters, how would it do to think of Boston? You know I think the logical place is Washington; but logic, like every thing else, has to yield to the need of money. No one but myself seems to want Washington; and no one is offering money to go there. Chicago is geographically better than Boston; but last April Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McCulloch said they were not prepared to advise that. Now the fact that the Journal is published in Boston is a great argument for going there, as even Mrs. Bennett will admit. Miss Shaw tells us that to lose Mrs. Bennett from the Official Board would be "suicidal"; and Mrs. Bennett would be willing to go nearer to her children. We would lose Miss Ashley; but I have always thought it very unwise to put a novice in such a responsible office. If we have another shifting of officers by choice for treasurer would be Mrs. Stewart. I begin to believe that to pay some rent to the Illinois Suffrage Assn. for desk room in their headquarters and to provide Mrs. Stewart with the treasurer's clerk would do a great deal to relieve the feeling that the East is getting every benefit the National has to confer, now that we are no longer sustaining organizers. Mrs. Stewart is free enough from family cares to travel in the interests of the treasury, instead of sending inexperienced young girls out on such a responsible mission; and she has capacity in the way of raising money.

So I am writing to you now, rather than waiting to see you; for I want you to come to the convention with certain definite information;-

Do you think it would be an advantage to the N. Journal to have head-

quarters in Boston?

What could suitable headquarters be rented for?

Is living in general as high in Boston as in New York?

For instance, could good stenographers be employed for \$15 a week instead of \$18, as we are paying in N.Y.?

Is printing as high in Boston as N.Y.?

All such questions as these would come up for consideration in a discussion of such a move. Do you think it at all possible that some Boston friends of such a move might offer help in the support of headquarters which would be a counter inducement to a possible offer from New York?

This letter is strictly unofficial, but it is not necessarily confidential. In fact, I am desirous that you should consult with any persons ^{about} you think suitable the suggestions in it. Some of the information asked for perhaps Miss Ryan could secure more definitely than you can.

I do not expect an answer to this letter, as I hope to see you so soon. I want you to take all the time you have ~~in~~ turning the suggestion over in your mind, and in ascertaining how it would be regarded by others; and in gathering any information you think bears on the subject.

Hoping to have you with us in Richmond very soon now, I am

Always cordially yours,

P.S. I see you put my last article in full in the Journal; and helped out by giving it a good heading. You are always kind, and I appreciate it!

Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 22nd, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

In answer to your letter of the 17th I will say that I think it would be well for you to come to Kentucky the first week in October, arriving here say about the 3th or 6th. I suppose that would enable you to get off your editorial work for that week. Miss Shaw has called the Business meeting for Tuesday, the 17th. We ought to go to Louisville on Monday, and that would be enough work for that day, as we would have to see people in the afternoon and evening. We would therefore have to finish auditing at the latest on Saturday, the 15th. I do not suppose we could do that auditing in less than four or five days, working as hard as we would care to do; and I do not think we ought to work continuously just before the convention, which will be a strain. Besides, both of us will surely be interrupted for correspondence and other things. So you see you ought to come just as early in the first week of October as you can arrange to do.

I am now in Lexington for a few days, in connection with local work preparatory to the two conventions, and I suppose I shall be here long enough to receive your answer telling me when to expect you. If you write at once, address me here, because they forward my letters more accurately from Lexington than from Richmond. If by any mischance I should fail to meet you at the depot in Richmond, just direct the 'bus to take you to Mrs. James Bennett's. I write this just for precaution, because letters sometimes will go astray. But I shall be in Richmond certainly by the 3rd of October, or sooner.

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I was so pleased with your article on the new constitution. I did not know how you felt about its influence on the Woman's Journal, and I do not know enough about newspaper work to judge entirely for myself. I am glad that you have taken that stand, for as I have said in that second article of mine, I am fearful of the effect of this sectionalizing on the popularity of the National, its organ and its literature. I am looking forward to being comforted by your calm good sense about what seems to me the dreadful condition of our affairs. I know I am apt to get excited, and that is not helpful to clear vision; but I can always depend upon your sound judgment.

I am enclosing a little notice of the Ky. Equal Rights Convention, which please put in the Journal.

Hoping to see you early in October, I am

Affectionately yours,

strength I have got
just from watching
your face unbeknown
to you, as we sat in
the meetings of the
Business Committee.
I shall be very glad
to see your farm,
& to be able to picture
your daily life.
My impression
is that most of
those constitutional
amendments have
small chance of

passing. Always yours affectionately,
Alice Stone Blackwell

45 Boutwell Ave.
Dorchester, Mass.
Sept. 17, 1911

Dear Miss Clay:
Your kind letter
received. I was on
the point of writing
to ask you how
long you thought it
would take to audit
the books, in order
that I might fix

the time of my departure accordingly. I will plan to leave a few days of margin for ~~the~~ rest and sight-seeing, in accordance with your pleasant invitation. But you must remember that as regards health I am still a broken reed. It will not do for me to

undertake much in the way either of exertion or of social doings, for a very little now uses me up. But I am looking forward with genuine pleasure to visiting you, for it is always a satisfaction to me to be with you. I don't believe you will ever know how much comfort &

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 12th, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

I am sending this with an official letter, but this is purely personal.

Now that we are almost in the middle of September my thoughts are turning towards the auditing and the pleasure I am expecting in your visit. As you know, Miss Shaw has put the Business meeting for the morning of Tuesday, the 17th. I think you and I should go to Louisville on Monday. We could not get there on Tuesday for the hour appointed, and besides I want to be on hand to help in any final details with the local Committee on arrangements. Therefore we will have to conclude our work on the books on Saturday, or before. For I am quite unwilling that you should come to Kentucky and have no time at all for seeing or hearing anything but treasurer's books. Therefore I am writing to ask you to decide what time you come so that I can ask Miss Ashley to send the books to us at that time, to arrange that you shall both not be overworked, and yet have chance to see something of our county and town. You know Berea, the seat of the famous mountain college, and formerly co-educational institution for negro and whites, is in Madison Co., about fifteen miles from Richmond, - a beautiful drive, if driving does not fatigue you. Then there is Boonesborough, the first fort of Daniel Boone in Kentucky. And then there is my farm, which I am more desirous for you to see than those historic spots, though you may be of a different mind. I sometimes wonder if seeing and writing so much about historic things does not somewhat pall upon you. Anyway, I am not going to let things of general interest monopolize you this time. We have had a very severe drouth the first part of the summer; but about three weeks ago we began to have rains and now the country is as green as Erin. The blue grass is showing in all its world-famed beauty. I am hoping that

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we will have fine weather for your visit.; and we will have a little interval to recover our spirits after the "turmoil." Miss Ashley speaks of before we go into some more stormy times at the convention.

I am writing another article for the Journal about that blessed new constitution. I have thought of quite an impersonal line on which to keep up my resistance to what I think is detrimental to the interests of the Association. I feel that I ought to do what I can to avert injurious measures and then I hope I can accept without too much concern any conclusion which may be contrary to my judgment of what is best. I feel sure that no mistake in arrangement can now seriously check the suffrage movement, and I take consolation in that whatever is the result of this overhauling of old methods and organization. I am glad, however, that at least the good old name we have so long worked under is not to be thrown over.

I hope you have greatly enjoyed the summer and feel refreshed and benefitted by the summer outing.

Let me hear from you as soon as you decide, and believe me

Very cordially your friend,

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am planning now to leave Boston Wednesday morning, reaching New York in the afternoon, spending the night there, going Thursday to Headquarters, and leaving for Richmond either Thursday night or Friday morning.

I have written a longer letter to you to Richmond, but thinking you may be in Lexington I will send this note to your address there.

Affectionately yours,

Alice Stone Blackwell

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45 Boutwell Ave., Dorchester, Mass.,
September 29, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have delayed answering your letter because of uncertainty as to when I could get off. Miss Ryan expects to be absent on her vacation until Oct. 8, and I felt as if I must stay to get the Journal to press next Wednesday. Also I hated to leave before Friday, Oct. 7, when our State Board will hold its last meeting before the National Convention. I had misgivings for fear Mrs. FitzGerald might persuade the Board into giving the delegates some instructions as to how they should vote on the proposed Constitutional Amendment, of which she strongly approves. But it would delay me too late if I waited until after Friday, especially as I must break the journey in New York. Miss Wilde has got back from New Hampshire, and can put the Journal together on Wednesday. I can have all the material ready for her by Tuesday night. My present plan is to reach New York Wednesday afternoon, rest that night, Thursday go to headquarters and get as full information as I can about what is going on, and either Thursday night or Friday morning start on for Richmond.

A special meeting of our State Board has had to be called
for Monday,

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for Monday, because one of our organizers has been kicked by a policeman and accused of immorality, and it is proposed to bring a suit for damages. At this meeting I shall have a chance to ask some of our most influential women what they think of the suggestion of bringing the National Headquarters to Boston. That such a suggestion comes from Kentucky shows at least that some Kentucky women are generous enough to give a preference to a place far from their own section. But I do not think the idea will be feasible. If the Headquarters are not at Washington and are anywhere at the East, it seems to me that New York is the place for them; and I am sure that there would not be the ghost of a chance to secure a majority of votes for Boston. None of our women are anxious to have the Headquarters come here; and, while the cost of living and of offices is probably not quite so high as in New York, that would not be held to outweigh New York's other advantages.

Always affectionately yours,

Alice Stone Blackwell

Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 2nd, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

I have received both your letters, telling me when you start to Kentucky; and I have written to Miss Ashley accordingly. As you are not definite about the exact time you start from New York I shall not know what train to meet at Richmond; and that will make not difference if you will just take the omnibus (there are no carriages) at Richmond, and tell them to take you to Mrs. James Bennett's. I shall look for you till you come. I shall be glad indeed to see you, for my feelings are much ruffled by Miss Shaw's reply to my Board letter of Sept. 22th. I am troubled how to answer without unnecessarily stirring up ill feelings.

Affectionately yours,

Richmond, Ky.
Nov. 7th, 1911.

My dear Miss Blackwell,

In some way I have mislaid your letter written to me after you reached home, and which I was very glad to get, as it relieved my mind about the journey being too fatiguing to you. I shall answer it as I remember it, and if I come across it and find I have left anything unanswered I will write again.

I enclose a copy of the first page of the sketch you wrote of me. I think it was published in the Louisville Times, but I find I have no copy of it in the papers I brought from Louisville. Not long ago I sent two photographs of myself to Miss Reilly, and she wrote she was going to send one to the Woman's Journal. It is the same which appeared in the Louisville papers. If the Journal office has not one, and you still need it, I shall be glad to send another.

I see on the hotel bills \$2.50 "sundries" charged to you. If this is the bill for the newspapers ordered by Mrs. Boyer, please set it against a bill for W. Journals, the last I ordered from Miss Ryan, but for which she has sent no bill. I did not pay the hotel bills myself, however, and have no knowledge about this item.

Your railroad fare from Richmond to Louisville was \$3.09, bus and baggage at Richmond 50 cents, baggage and streetcar at Louisville, 50 cents.

I have an uneasy consciousness that you asked for some one's address. Was it Mrs. Margaret Weisinger Castleman, Shelbyville, Ky? our Press Superintendent. I have looked in vain for your letter.

I have just found your letter, and see that I have answered everything, except about the handkerchief. You might as well send it to me, as I do not know by description whether it is mine or Mary's. Or better still, you might as well keep it, as it is scarcely worth the postage.

Now to some pleasant things which have happened since the convention. Prof. Sophonisba Breckinridge wrote me a very pleasant letter about her election, in which I found she had absolutely no idea of being used to defeat me. I took great pleasure in answering it and assuring her I knew she would not do any thing discourteous or unkind; and that I rejoiced in the election of the three women from the West. This morning I received a note from her thanking me for my letter and saying she would accept the place on the Board and do her best for Ky. and the South.

I wanted to tell you good-bye in Louisville, but I went to my room very late and was not willing to wake you. We all enjoyed your visit so much. Mrs. Crenshaw wrote Sallie how pleased she was to have met you.

I think all the unpleasantness about the convention is going to die out and leave us all rejoicing in the great good it has done. In Ky. we shall turn our attention to getting a submission of a constitutional amendment from our Legislature; and we shall try to organize steadily from now on.

Affectionately, your friend,

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Dear Miss Clay:

The Woman's Journal went to press last night, and, for the first time since we parted, I feel as if I had a right to breathe. When leaving for my train in the early morning I looked affectionately at your bedroom door — I should have liked to give you a good hug — but there was no sound of anyone stirring. I thought you were probably resting up, after the week's fatigues; and I would not wake you.

It was a great pleasure to renew and to improve my acquaintance with you upon this trip, and the pleasantest part of it was the part

spent in Richmond. I am so glad to be able to think of you in your own surroundings, and to have met your delightful relatives!

By ill fortune I have lost the first page of the typewritten copy of the sketch of your life. Can you send me another copy of that page, or of the printed article? And in what paper did it appear?

I find myself in wrongful possession of a handkerchief marked "C." It must be either yours or Mrs. Clay's. To whom shall I return it?

Mrs. Boyer packed my trunk for me, and ordered (at my request) 50 copies of the Louisville Herald containing my translations. I left her money to pay for them, but the boy who brought them brought no bill, and Mrs. Boyer told them to add ~~it~~ ^{the cost} to my bill at the hotel. Of course, that was my own personal expense, and should not be charged to the Ky. & R. A. Let me know how much it was, & I will remit. Also I have forgotten what the fare

went from Richmond to Louisville, & I need to know in making out my bill to the National.

Very affectionately yours,
Abner Stone Beaman.