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Dear Miss Laura -
Please see which one of
these contracts you prefer - Make
any suggestions you desire - If ~~the~~
you make them by telephone I can
get ~~the~~ one off to Mr. Estes to-night
for his signature, + can sign
myself as soon as empowered by
other members of the Board - I
have written them all to-day.

I presume I already have
your note for sending check for
\$16. to R.R. fare Chicago, Ill. + return
to Mr. Estes. He did not charge us
with berth or other incidents
m. W.D. B.

Drawn by me. with some males help!

Jan 24, 1913

CONTRACT

This agreement, made and entered into the 25th day of January, 1913, between The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, party of the first part, and U. V. Estes, of Chicago, Ills., party of the second part, for the purpose of employing the party of the second part as Field Secretary for party of the first part, WITNESSETH:

That the duties of said party of the second part shall consist of office work, newspaper work, organizing and field work, raising funds for the benefit of the Association, and such other duties as may necessary, which duties shall at all times be under the direction of the State President.

In consideration of the service rendered the party of the first part agrees to pay the party of the second part a salary of Seventy-five (\$75) Dollars per month and his necessary travelling expenses while away from the main office, which is located at Lexington, Ky., party of the second part agreeing to make the utmost effort to raise an amount of cash sufficient to cover his traveling expenses.

This agreement is made for a period of two months, beginning February 1, 1913, and if the arrangement proves satisfactory to both parties it is to continue in effect until January 1, 1914.

Signed in duplicate,

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, Party of 1st part

By.....President

.....Party of 2nd part

Drawn up By Mr. Estes.

Lexington, Ky. January 24, 1913.

This agreement made and entered into on the day of January 1913, by and between The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, with its office and chief place of business at Lexington, Ky., Party of the first part, and Urey L. Estes, a resident of Chicago, Ill., party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part agrees to employ and does hereby employ the said Party of the second part in the capacity of FIELD SECRETARY.

It is understood and agreed that the Party of the second part will have his headquarters in the office of the Party of the first part in Lexington, Kentucky, and that he shall perform the duties of Newspaper Correspondent for the said Association, and such other work of a clerical nature as its President may direct in relation with her efforts to promote the interests and business of the said Association.

It is further agreed that the said Party of the second part shall visit such towns and cities in the state of Kentucky as the officers of the said Association may recommend, for the purpose of organizing a county equal rights association, or to strengthen the efficiency and membership of county associations previously organized. In general, it shall be the duty of the said Party of the second part to make use of his time to the best advantage possible in a development of interest among voters and others in the state of Kentucky on behalf of Equal Suffrage to the end that a Constitutional amendment may carry which shall extend the right of suffrage to women living within the said State.

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And it is further agreed and understood that the said Party of the second part shall make a reasonable effort to procure funds to be used in carrying on the work of the said Equal Rights Association, either through solicitation of private donations or by providing for contributions at public meetings, such funds to be delivered to the Treasurer of the said Association.

It is further agreed and understood that for and in consideration of the service of the said Party of the second part, the Party of the first part promises and agrees to pay the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars, monthly, as salary to the Party of the second part and his necessary expenses while traveling in the interest of the said Party of the first part.

The time of service herein provided for shall begin February first, 1913 and continue until March thirty-first, 1913.

For the Kentucky Equal Rights Association

Wake County
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Raleigh, N. C.

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EDITH ROYSTER, ASSISTANT SUPT.

24 Jan. 13

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge
Lexington, Kentucky;

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

I enclose a copy of a bill that
will be presented to our General Assem-
bly now in session here. If you
can give me any information that
will be helpful about Kentucky's
experience ^{along similar lines} I shall be most ap-
preciative of the courtesy.

If the legal status of women
in Kentucky has been put in any
definite shape and printed, it would

be of great help to my Committee to
get in touch with it.

In a conservative state like
South Carolina it is surprising to
see how broad our public men
are. But we prefer to in-
novate by degrees.

Sincerely yours,

Edith Royster

Sent leaflet
Feb. 1, 1913.

Ch. Com. Legal Status of Women
S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs

We haven't anything on the legal status
have we - I have referred her to
the Woman's Journal. If you have one
of those old leaflets ^{on what} the S. R. A. has done
you might
mail it to her.
m. m. D. B.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,
Linden Walk, Lexington.

Miss Laura Clay.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 21st, 1913.

Miss Jennie Quinn,

Sadieville.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 19th I beg to say that you can get a sample of a large number of suffrage leaflets by enclosing ten cents in stamps to National Woman Suffrage Headquarters, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York.

In the meanwhile, I take pleasure in sending, under another cover, a few leaflets which may be of immediate use to you.

I am very much interested in the proposed discussion of the subject of Woman Suffrage by your class. The Ky. E. R. A. is endeavoring to stimulate interest in the subject by offering prizes, five to ten dollars, to High Schools, Colleges, and other higher institutions of education, for the best paper on the subject in a contest. After you have seen what your class can do, perhaps you would be willing to inaugurate such a contest in your class. If so, please let me hear from you, and I will put you in touch with our chairman of Prize Contests, who will send you the conditions and other details of the contest.

Very truly yours,

Corresponding Secretary of Ky. Equal Rights
Association.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,
Linden Walk, Lexington.

Miss Laura Clay.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 22nd, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Major,

I was gratified this morning by receiving the membership cards of the Ky. E. R. A. signed by you and Mrs. Beadles.

As the Ky. E. R. A. has definitely decided to ask the next General Assembly for the submission of a Constitutional Amendment granting full suffrage to women, it is very important that all sympathizers should help in organizing the state for supporting the amendment. I hope that you will continue to enroll the names of suffragists in your town and county; and as soon as you have six or more that you will organize a Fulton Co. E. R. A. for the purpose of systematic work.

I would highly recommend, also, that you subscribe for the Woman's Journal, the leading suffrage paper. Under another cover, I am sending you a copy of the paper, and some other literature in which you may be interested.

Thanking you for the signatures, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary of

Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

Mrs.Desha Brackinridge.

Miss Laura Clay.

Lexington, Ky.

April 15th, 1913.

My dear Miss Ryan,

Please find enclosed a New York draft for one hundred dollars, in payment for one share of Woman's Journal stock subscribed for by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association at the St.Louis Suffrage conference. Please have the stock made out in the name of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association; and send it to the state treasurer, Mrs.Warfield C. Bennett, Richmond, Kentucky. It is paid for by several subscribers, but I will myself make the necessary memoranda for the historical record of the gift to the Ky.E.R.A.

I would like to have a hundred subscription slips to the W.Journal, if you keep them in stock. We are going to make a systematic effort to enlarge the circulation of the Journal.

Please give my kindest regards to Miss Blackwell, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Sec.of Ky.Equal Rights
Association.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 17th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Roark,

I thank you for your letter of the 12th. It is true that the Ky. E.R.A. now has an organizer employed; but as we have just commenced a constitutional amendment campaign it is desirable that we should know all the resources we have in the state for practical field work, as we do not know when we may have need for them all.

Of course, Mrs. Breckinridge is leading in all the new movements of the Association; and I am so relieved at her taking the management that I am not offering much advice in any form. But I am going to be just as hard-working as I am able to be, knowing there will be need for all our efforts before we succeed. Therefore I want to know as much about Miss Ora Adams as I can learn. I am well acquainted with Miss Lloyd already. Does Miss Adams know anything about stenography? Mrs. Breckinridge feels the need of a stenographer very much, - one who is interested in our work and would give intelligent and suggestive service. What does Miss Adams propose to devote her time to, seeing the E.R.A. has no employment now to offer her? It takes a long time to become an expert stenographer, six months at least, and I have been wondering if Miss Adams had any desire at all to learn that profession. Also, whilst you are on the lookout, if it is possible you may know such a stenographer as would suit Mrs. Breckinridge's requirements.

I hope you remember that you gave your name for one on our list of State E.R.A. speakers. We have never done what we intended to do with that staff of speakers, but all our designs will now receive a new impetus. Please let me know if you are still willing for your name to go on our list; and

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the titles of the subjects you will speak on.

I am always gald to hear from you.

Very cordially your friend,

THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL

585 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE--BACK BAY 4717

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
ALICE STONE BLACKWELL



BUSINESS MANAGER
AGNES E. RYAN

May 24, 1913

Dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

In accordance with my letter of May 1 we are sending you under separate cover receipt blanks like the enclosed. These are to be used in giving a receipt to those suffragists in your State who pay any sum toward the purchase of a share of stock in The Woman's Journal at \$100.00 for your State Association.

Our idea is to show this slight honor and appreciation to those who are interested to have their State Association own stock in The Woman's Journal Corporation. We believe you will find it fairly easy to get women to help purchase this stock if you use these blanks.

Yours sincerely,

AER/EBM
Enc.

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July 23. 1913.

Dear Miss Laura -

Will you fill this engagement? Mrs. Mitchell of Bowling Green had offered to take it, but since they specially want you & will pay expenses I think you had better go. Let me hear from you by return mail & I will write Mrs. Mitchell asking her to take instead Greenville, Muhlenburg Co. next week -

Return Mrs. Rudy's letter: I will answer & arrange about cards, literature & supplies -

Hastily yours

M. D. Breckinridge.

If you think best write Mrs. Rudy & see if they would as leave have Mrs. ^{Mitchell} Rudy & pay expenses. Let me know the result.

Am getting from 15 to 30 membership cards signed at these institutes.

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Lexington, Ky. July 24, 1913

Dear Madam:-

I am sorry to report the resignation of Mrs. Mason Maury as First Vice-President of the K. E. R. A., due to a pressure of other work.

I suggest in her place Mrs. E. L. Hutchison, of Lexington. This is, of course, merely a suggestion. I will get you to make your nomination or record your vote on this and other questions in this letter on the margin, returning it to me as soon as possible.

With the permission of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction I am trying to cover all the county institutes of the State with suffrage speeches. In each case possible, where a county league does not exist, we are attempting to organize county leagues also while in the town. I presume that I am authorized, under a previous vote of the board, to pay necessary expenses for these speakers. I should, however, like your vote authorizing the expenses of speakers to the county institutes, since it is not always necessary, nor possible, to form leagues. I am also sending literature for distribution at the institutes. This will entail considerable expense before the summer is over, but I believe it is fully justified.

The institutes for the 120 counties come practically within a period of three months. It is absolutely impossible to cover them all with volunteer speakers. I have talked with Miss Ora Adams, County Superintendent of Schools in Mercer County, on the subject of giving us a month or more work in covering these institutes, organizing leagues, etc. She is willing to do this at a salary of \$50 a month and necessary expenses, and can go to work immediately after the primary, the week beginning August 4th. With your consent I will at once employ Miss Adams for a month, with the option of a longer time if the experiment seems to pay and she can give more time. I should like to be authorized to employ her, or someone else, during the county institute season. I can probably get the passes that were made out in Mr. Estes' name transferred to her, which will mean that the railroad expense for ^{in her case} volunteer speakers can be avoided. I have not yet employed a stenographer, as necessary stenographic work in the last few months has been contributed.

(Mrs. Breckinridge's stenographer)

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We have been invited by the Convention and Publicity League of Louisville to have our annual meeting in Louisville next fall. I should like to be empowered to accept the invitation, as I think Louisville is par excellence the place to meet.

I should, further, like to be empowered to appoint a committee on Program and Arrangements to act with me in arranging for the meeting. If this meets with your approval, please indicate what expense you consider we are justified in making for this annual meeting. I should like to have a woman speaker of national prominence, say Mrs. Catt or Dr. Shaw, and a man speaker for the other evening, possibly Max Eastman or Mr. Garwood, of Colorado. Possibly I can get some help from Louisville organizations in paying these expenses. Suggestions as to speakers and program will be gratefully received. Miss Clay suggests a time between the November election and Thanksgiving. I should like to be authorized to fix time after correspondence with speakers, etc.

Mrs. Robinson Adair McDowell, of Louisville, whose husband is President of the Men's League of Louisville, has consented to take charge of a Suffrage Tent at the State Fair. A number of excellent women are ready to help her. I believe it can be made a very valuable thing. What expense do you consider we are justified in making for this purpose? Can we not also authorize some expense for a similar experiment at the Blue Grass Fair in Lexington, if I can secure a good committee to take charge of the work?

Please answer by return mail if possible.

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Breckinridge.

President

Mrs. Sharp.

Wm. Main.

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Lexington, Ky. July 26, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
My dear Miss Laura:—
Richmond, Ky.

After re-reading Mrs. Bennett's letter I find you will be willing to go to the institutes at Danville, Mt. Sterling and Stanford. The institute at Mt. Sterling takes place next week, and I have just written the County Superintendent the letter of which I enclose copy. If one day suits you better than another, I would suggest that you write him immediately asking if you can not come on that day. I find they will usually allow you time on the day you want. The instructor at Mt. Sterling is Mr. J. W. Ireland, who is very friendly. He arranged for Mrs. Harrison's address in Breathitt county; was the instructor at Lawrenceburg, where I made an address and formed a league; and Linda Neville has since gotten him to sign one of the cards.

I formed a league at Morehead yesterday and got about forty signers. I simply state that a league will be formed, and ask for a motion that one shall be formed. It is usually best to get someone beforehand to promise to make the motion. Then I say that until such a time as the organization is completed and officers elected I will appoint a County Chairman. Then circulate and take up the membership cards. Of course, you have to have the permission of the County Superintendent, who is the boss of the institute, to do this, but I find if you just assume that you can get it it is usually granted

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Miss Clay----2

If they give you an hour's time, for instance, take thirty or forty minutes of it in speaking, use the rest in having the literature distributed, the membership cards circulated and taken up again, and supplies, like lead pencils and buttons, sold. I believe so far we have struck only one County Superintendent sufficiently unfriendly to decline to allow an address. But even then literature was distributed, so Mr. Coates informed me yesterday.

Have you literature and membership cards which you can take with you, or must I mail them to you at Mt. Sterling? I usually allow a Rainbow leaflet and a picture poster, or political equality leaflet, to each person present. There are 47 teachers in Montgomery county. There are always a good many outsiders present.

No time is yet set for the Lincoln county institute, but Mr. Hamlett told me that I could probably get a revised and perfected list by the 28th and I will let you know when that institute takes place as soon as I know.

The Garrard county institute takes place with the Mercer and Boyle county institutes at Danville on the 15th of Sept. Mr. Cassidy is the instructor and I will try to get him to arrange for the time for you to speak there, as the Boyle County Superintendent, who I suppose will be in charge of the proceedings, will, I understand be unfriendly to us.

Do you know how I should address a letter to Mrs.

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Miss Clay---3

Carrie Chapman Catt about our annual meeting?

Cordially yours,

M. M. D. Breckinridge.

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Lexington, Ky. July 29, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.
Dear Miss Laura:-

Your letter of the 25th was received, and I am writing to see if Mrs. Rudy will take Mrs. Mitchell instead.

I telephoned Mr. Cassidy about the Danville institute. It is the week of Sept. 15th. If you will write him which day in that week you prefer he says he will take it up with the County Superintendent and arrange it. This is better than for us to write the County Superintendent. I now consider that institute attended to, so remember that you are to do the rest.

The only club date I have made for you is October 1st, the Wednesday Club of Cynthiana. Please mark that on your calendar.

The date of the Lincoln county institute is still not listed on the revised list I have gotten from Frankfort today, so I have written the County Superintendent of Lincoln asking him to let me know as soon as the date is settled upon, and to fix the time for your address.

I hadn't thought of making a test case after the primary. Would we not have the very same ruling that we got before from the Supreme Court, simply that matters affecting the primary law are not in their jurisdiction. If that were the case a test case from Madison would again settle it for Madison only. If you and the Richmond women think best to bring such a test case I shall be delighted to have you

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do it; but personally I feel a little weak on the job at present.

Will you kindly reread the enclosed article and see if there are any glaring mis-statements in it. I wrote it in great haste for Mrs. Livingston last year. It doesn't seem to me it needs any bringing up to date. If the facts are correct I might use it as a basis for a leaflet of our own.

Cordially yours,

M. Desha Breckinridge.

Did I tell you we got about 40 signers at Morehead —

Richmond, Ky.

July 29th, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I answer first your circular letter of July 24th.

(1) I cheerfully vote for Mrs. T. L. Hutchison, of Lexington, for vice-president in place of Mrs. Maury, resigned. My only objection is that she would be the fourth officer from the one city of Lexington. If others should make similar objection and other names are needed in nomination I suggest Mrs. Charles Firth, of Covington; or Mrs. C. M. Freeman, of Ashland.

(2) I vote to pay expenses of speakers and literature for the County Institutes.

(3) I am pleased that you have secured the services of Miss Ora Adams. I hope she will prove successful, and we may find constant employment for her as an organizer.

(4) I vote to accept the invitation from the Convention and Publicity League of Louisville to hold our annual meeting there. I repeat my suggestion to select the time between Election day and Thanksgiving; and I further add that I hope it will not be necessary to take the 12th, which is the time Miss Kate M. Gordon, of New Orleans, hopes to have a Governors' meeting in that city. She writes me that she has written to you to join in this call for Kentucky; but that she has not yet had an answer from you. I heartily approve of this meeting; and I know Miss Gordon has great ability to work up a meeting successfully, and in many ways such a meeting as she contemplates would give our cause an impetus in the South. There is going to be a division of sentiment about the present proposed Woman Suffrage Amendment to the National Constitution, and it would be just as well

for the southern suffragists to know before the N.A.W.S.A. convention in Washington the 1st of December what our southern politicians think of the present form of the proposed Amendment.

I vote for your proposed committee on program and Arrangements, and that you shall fix date after corresponding with speakers, etc. I am not able to suggest what expense we should go to, as I have not been keeping up with the state of our treasury; but in this case I am willing to cast my vote the same as yours, after you have considered the matter. As for program, I suggest that you will have no time for any thing but business in the day sessions, and therefore you should be careful about promising any time to any one for addresses on any subject in the day. See that each officer and chairman has a time assigned to report, and allow sufficient time for discussion of the form, etc., of our own proposed Amendment to the Ky. constitution. Also, the committee on revision of the N.R.A. constitution must have time for report and discussion of some revisions on the first day, as it will affect the election of officers, which must take place the morning of the second day.

(5) I am pleased at the prospect of work done at the State fair, and at the Blue-grass Fair in Lexington. I shall cordially vote with you what you think is necessary expenses.

And now to the County Institutes at which I am to speak; I have just received another letter from Mr. Thomas Pettit saying he had made a mistake in stating the date of the Educational Asso. in Owensboro as October 18th. It is the Teachers' Institute, and the date is August 18th. In the meantime, I have accepted the invitation to Lawrenceburg for August 18th. It is their County Court day; and I think it better not to try to change that. I think if you have written anything to Owensboro after receiving my answer to you last letter, we had better let that arrangement stand. It is a long way for me

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to go to Owensboro. However, if you have not made other arrangements, I would go, but not for the 18th. I could go for the 19th, starting after my engagement in Lawrenceburg. Mr. Pettit says they would give me time in the evening, which would enable me to get there in time on the 19th. I shall not answer Mr. Pettit's last letter till I hear from you again about it.

As to the date in Mt. Sterling, I have no choice of dates; but I have not yet received any letter from Mr. Goodwin, the County Sup't. I have no cards nor literature. You had better send some to the Post-Office, General Delivery., at Mt. Sterling. I wrote to Mrs. Dennett for some 1Rainbow Flyers, but have not yet received them. Send a good number of the cards, as I can use the surplus elsewhere.

Carrie C.

I do not know Mrs. Catt's present address. A letter directed in care of the National Headquarters, 505 Fifth Avenue, will no doubt reach her pretty promptly.

Very sincerely yours,

The Woman Voter and Newsletter

48 EAST 34TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY



July 16, 1913.

Mrs. Madeline Breckenridge,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Breckenridge:

Many months ago when Mrs. Livingston asked you for an article on the Woman's Cause in Kentucky, I expected to use it immediately. But we began the series of special numbers and my articles of general interest accumulated. I still wish to have the southern movement discussed in the Voter and I am sending you your article that you may bring it to date, or make any changes that you desire. Will you then return it to me?

It is a splendid article, and as we have never had anything about the movement in your part of the country, I feel that it will be of great interest to our readers.

Faithfully yours,

Florence Woolston

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Lexington, Ky. June 23, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:-

I have mailed both membership cards and literature to you at Richmond. It won't be a very big package for you to carry, and I think you ought to have it. I have already appointed Miss Lida Gardner, who is County Superintendent, chairman for Nicholas county. She told me if I would postpone organizing until summer she would help me and would guarantee a big membership. She thought it more politic to do it through a new lot of women than through the W. C. T. U. women. I mention this so you may understand the situation, but you can go right ahead taking memberships in Nicholas County League for Woman Suffrage and have them turned over to Miss Gardner. Thanks for the constitution.

Wouldn't it be well for you to order a dollar's worth of the Rainbow Flyers and the picture poster flyers each, as you will probably be going to a number of other places during the summer and can take them with you. I find that tying up and mailing literature and supplies takes a good deal of time. Of course, whenever I get the office well organized, with a stenographer and office girl in it, that will be all right, but at present I am my own cook and bottle washer. I always carry the literature and cards and supplies when I go, both to save postage and tying up bundles. I have gotten Mrs. Bernheim to act

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as a depot of supplies in Louisville to save sending there.

Cordially yours,

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Lexington, Ky. Aug. 19, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Laura:-

Won't you please bring the pamphlet "What the Equal Rights Association has Done" up to date? There must be a change made in the paragraph about the age of consent and you will have to add something about the school suffrage. If you think it desirable that the names and addresses of all the board should be in, as they are in the old leaflet, I will go over and correct any mistake you may have made in name or address before taking it to the printer. I imagine it is so nice and quiet in the country in Madison county that you can just sit down one morning and do this. It is never quiet here and I am most worked to death. I will attend to the printing. I don't suppose you have any idea what the cost will be. If you can suggest how many to order I would appreciate it, and will amend the motion if I think best. We need this leaflet badly. I have spent so much for literature from National Headquarters that it alarms me, and I think this leaflet would be better than ^{many} Rainbows. We must have it ready in time for the State Fair at Louisville.

Mrs. Post, of Paducah, wrote me to send her a pamphlet on laws of interest to Kentucky women. I think she must have meant this. You don't know of any other gotten out by the K. E. R. A., do you?

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Miss Clay-----2

Miss Woerner has compiled a leaflet on the laws passed by suffrage States, going over all those passed by the last legislature. I told her I would have this printed. Don't you think it would be a justifiable expense, even if it costs a little more per thousand than the old political equality leaflet?

I have written Judge Kerr and Mr. Allen, sending them the portion of your last letter about the test case from Madison county. They have no time to see me, nor I to see them, so I thought this would be the best way to get a little help. I will mail you their replies. If the reply is favorable, won't you have the Madison county women take the thing up and attend to it? I should think they ought to get a lawyer there for every reason. Our good lawyers are too busy to bother much with our legislation. Will the money be privately raised or have to come out of the K. E. R. A. treasury? I have paid for the John Allen suit, but have succeeded in collecting only about half of that pledged so far. Am sending our a circular letter on the subject today to the delinquents.

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Bucknidge -

Mrs. Rob McDowell of Louisville, who is to take charge of the test at the State Fair writes for advice on this subject: it has been suggested that they have drawn up two petitions one for men + one for women to sign asking the legislature to pass our bill + get these signed at the test. Do you think it a good plan, or would it be better to put all their strength on membership cards - I am a little afraid one would interfere with the other. (over)

Then I know I haven't time to attend to
getting the petition circulated in other parts
of Ky. But perhaps some Louisville woman
would do that. Just give me your
advice on the subject and answer this
part of the letter first.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 4th, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

As I did not get a letter from Mr. Goodwin, of Mt. Sterling, I telephoned by long distance; and made an appointment for Thursday morning. I went, was very cordially received; had permission to form a League. I got some names, which I enclose to you. However, I was not able among these to get any one to serve as Chairman. Mrs. Mary E. Schlegel was thought to be the best person, and she said she was interested enough to be glad to do it, but she was already overburdened. Then Mrs. Emma D. Walker showed much interest, but said she was now in the country, and was going to move out of the county soon? She took some cards and promised to get more names and try to find a suitable chairman and send to you.

My expenses were:

Long distance 'phone-----	25.
Ticket to Mt. Sterling	\$1.12
Return)-----	1.12
'buses going and coming-----	.85
Dinner	.50
Total)))) \$ 3.84

I received your literature and cards. Mrs. Walker took charge of the literature left over and said she would distribute it.

In sending this account to the treasurer you might also O.K. the bill for the printing of the cards-----\$2.50 and about what my expenses were over donations in going on the southern trip. I lost my memorandum book, but believe for the whole trip my expenses must have been fully ----- 20.00

\$27.50

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I note what you say about my engagement with the Cynthiana Club for October 1st.

I have just written to Mrs. Rudy that I would come to Owensboro for August 19th.

I will keep track of the Institutes where I am to speak.

Four of the Richmond ladies offered to vote at the Primary on August 2nd, and were refused because no preparations for the woman vote had been made.

Also, I offered to vote in the rural district, and was refused on the same ground. We did this in order to have grounds for a test case. My understanding of the decision already rendered is not clear. It seems to me it left a chance for a ~~test case~~ when a woman was denied the opportunity to vote for a test case which would involve the right of voting at the November election, and would apply to the whole state. As you have talked with Mr. Allen, and can see Judge Kerr, had you not better inquire about this point at once? If such a test case would decide for the whole state, we in Madison are provided with data and are willing to bring suit. But if we can get a decision for Madison County only, we would probably not think it worth while. I imagine this is a favorable county to try in because Judge Benton will certainly decide in our favor, and he wrote a public letter saying that is his opinion. In spite of this, the clerk did not provide ballots. If damages are accorded us, that would induce the clerk to carry the case to the Court of Appeals, especially if we held out the inducement of not insisting upon damages if he did so. Please let me hear about this as soon as you can consult our legal friends.

On another sheet, I have made some comments upon your newspaper attitude, which I re)enclose.

Very sincerely yours,

I think this article is excellent. Especially the point about how much women are already in politics is fine.

You will observe that I have made one interlineation, including the W.C.T.U in the credit for improvements at the State university. It is impossible to leave them out; for it was their Legislative Committee alone which obtained the grant from the Legislature of money for the Girls' Dormitory. For personal reasons the Committee from the E.R.A. did not go to Frankfort that year, and not representative from the Federation of Women's Clubs, either, according to my memory.

If this article is printed in Kentucky, the omission of the W.C.T.U. from this important work would certainly cause unfavorable comment.

Laura Clay.

Aug 20, 1913

Charles Kew
"Canewood, 20th Aug."

Dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

Your note, enclosing one from Miss
Kamallay, reached me here today =

I do not appreciate the ruling of the Court
of Appeals sustaining the election
primary = They have held the law, as a
whole, is Constitutional; that there is no
appeal from the decision of a Circuit
Judge construing the rights of a candi-
date under that law. This means the women
may be permitted to vote in one County & not
in another, according as the Circuit
or County Judge may hold. Yet the Consti-
tution says "all elections must be &
equal," which has been construed to mean

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they must likewise be uniform throughout the State. These differences I cannot reconcile. Assuming it has been held in Madison County that women have a right to vote in School elections, that, then, becomes a personal right, & in the eyes of the law, a valuable right. For a deprivation of the means of exercising that right, there must be a remedy. If an action were brought by one who has been deprived of that right, or if an action were brought before the election, mandatory in character, to compel the County Clerk to provide a separate voting place for women, it would, I think, be a question within the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, & therefore, applicable to the whole State. I should think the latter

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proceeding, a mandatory injunction,
to compel the County Clerk to provide a
voting booth, separate, for the women, would
give the right of appeal to either side,
& consequently, an immediate decision
by the Judge before whom it would be heard.
The other form, the one you propose, would
not, under the present practice, have pre-
cedence & might be in the courts indef-
initely. If you will make Desha bring
you down here to Dinner some evening,
so I can talk to you, "face to face", like
Moses talked to the Lord, I might make
my meaning more intelligible =

Sincerely yours, Chamberlain

Sept 9, 1913

Miss Laura Clay-----2

whether to pay Miss Adams and let her use her pass, or pay the traveling expenses of other people. She says she could go for two weeks to Mrs. Hubbard in October, but not for a whole month. Mrs. Hubbard is again not well and I expect that two weeks of Miss Adams would probably be good to start her with. We might take her for one month more and just let her count in the time as she gives days, ^{going from Harrodsburg to institutes, etc.} Mrs. Harrison telephoned me this morning of a letter she had from Miss Lloyd wanting her to come and speak in several places in Mason county. Mrs. Harrison is writing her that she can not pay her own expenses. I have asked her ^{Miss Lloyd.} if she would like to have Miss Adams. In a case like this it is probably a good expenditure of a few dollars for the State to send Miss Adams. Miss Lloyd has spent a good deal of her own money, and hasn't any fund of the organization. I am almost beginning to believe that it is good policy for the State to help to the extent of a few dollars any person who is willing to make local effort. There are so few such persons that we don't want to pour cold water on them.

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Breckinridge,
President.

Read letter just received from Miss Lloyd. Wrote her ~~she~~ thought I could get notes of emergency com. to co-operate on Dr. Powell to extent of RR fare. Have 2 your note. She to pay for advertising & literature for distribution.

Am trying to get \$50. from Mrs. Giltner for Mrs. Hubbard's Collier's lecture.

Can't find Jno Allen letter this minute - will mail as soon as it turns up.

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 8th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I received yours of the 3rd by the last mail, and answer the points seriatim.

I do not know anything of Helen Ring Robinson as a speaker. I imagine her chief attraction is having been a member of the Legislature of her state.

I mentioned Mrs. Ida Porter-Royer, of Columbia, Pennsylvania, as a very valuable worker in Oklahoma. She is not, however, a specialist at organizing; but she is the finest office woman for a campaign that I know.

I have never heard Miss Grimm speak; but I hear from all sides that she is an exceptionally fine organizer. Since I have never heard her speak, I would not like to indicate a preference either for her or Mrs. Stewart. Either would be fine, if we could get her for Mrs. Hubbard. Both have a considerable reputation as speakers.

About sending the copy of Colliers' to the legislators. I do not know exactly what the power of the emergency committee is. I have not it fresh in mind. If you think a vote on this subject is within its powers, I think you had better get a vote only from it, now that it is so late. As for my vote, I give it affirmatively, if you care to have it that way after I explain. I think \$50.00 is a great deal for one piece of literature; but if Mr. Hubbard is helpful to you with the Legislature, I do not think it is too much to pay to show that you value his opinion and his wife's interest. I will also vote to

send the short-term Woman's Journal. If you order them, mention that it is for the Legislature, as I believe they make even a further reduction in price for that purpose.

In regard to Mrs. Hubbard's gift of \$1000.00. When I was in Mont Eagle last summer, she explained to me what she wanted done with that sum; and at her request I drew up a form of letter which was to accompany the gift. I understood that it expressed her wishes, and in that it was distinctly stated that it was to be put out at interest until such time as there was a campaign for the vote of the electors. Mrs. Hubbard did not give the money immediately, because she was waiting for the payment of a note which she intended to use for the gift. She did not send it till a little after the convention in Lexington. Then she merely said (I have not the letter here to consult) that this was the \$1000.00 she had promised. It was not accompanied by a copy of the letter I had drafted; but as we had fully discussed it I wrote her that I had deposited it in the Lexington Trust Company's Savings department, where it would draw 3% until it was invested more permanently. I also reminded her that she had not sent a copy of instructions for its use; and asked her to send it to Mrs. Roebuck, as she was getting up the minutes; and though the year's record closed with the convention I thought such an important gift should be recorded in the minutes that year. Mrs. Hubbard did not write anything further to me; and I do not know whether she sent a letter of instructions to Mrs. Roebuck, as the minutes have not come out. I wrote to Mrs. Roebuck myself, however, as I knew Mrs. Hubbard was not an active correspondent, and told her to put in the gift with a mention of the terms. I have not a copy of the letter I drew up for Mrs. Hubbard; but I have copies at home of my letters to her, in which I told her what disposition I had made of the gift.

At Mont Eagle she also gave me \$100.00 for immediate expenses. As we had no immediate use for that I put that also into the Savings

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Depart. of the Lexington Trust Co., with \$208 which I also had in my hands at that time. This \$308.00, with accrued interest on both sums, is on call from the State treasurer for current expenses; but the \$1000.00 is invested as I mention on the terms I understood it was given.

I am sorry you do not feel hopeful of the passage of our bill at the next General Assembly. So far from thinking it will be many years before we are a campaign state, I am confidently expecting that Woman Suffrage will be practically universal in the U.S. within five years. I am not basing that expectation upon the amount of education we can accomplish, but for the reason I have marked in the clipping I enclose. I have not seen Mr. Proctor's articles, but from the wild editorials which Mr. Watterson has been writing I think he believes the time of triumph is near; and of course his paper, upheld by the liquor interests, is exerting itself to hold back our victory. It is a good point to make in talking with members of the Legislature that a submission to the electors is not giving suffrage, as the school suffrage was given, but merely recognizing that the electors should have an opportunity to decide the question for themselves. Looked at in this way, it is quite possible that some of the General Assembly would see their own advantage in thus deferring to the wishes of the voters.

Don't forget to let me know in time when you learn the date of holding the Institute in Lincoln Co.

I am sorry to receive the disappointing letter from Georgetown, which I enclose, and which explains itself.

Very sincerely yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 12th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Your letters of the 10th and 11th, with enclosures, received this morning. I answer by heads.

MISS LLOYD. As I wrote you, I believe you have enlisted a valuable worker in Miss Lloyd. The opportunity to get Dr. Powell ought not to be allowed to slip. He will be a peer for good for us. I would assist Miss Lloyd both with him and Mrs. Harrison. Her church is strong all through the state, and any thing she advocates will certainly be thought ~~womanly~~ womanly by thousands of her church women.

Covington. I shall be glad to give my vote in support of yours in any decision you come to about Covington. All I want to do is not to encourage too extensive plans for any one trip, even if it would be useful, unless there are other circumstances which make it exceptional. With such workers as Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Hubbard and her husband, I can readily see that you might think it wise to stretch a point a little.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman. I am very grateful for her donation of the Woman's Journals. She is liberal and interested. I believe it would be good policy to send Miss Ora Adams to her for two weeks, if you are at all pleased with her work. I have had no opportunity for observing it. If she gives promise of good work I would employ her as long as possible, for as you have found out, it is very hard to get workers in the state who are useful and open to employment. We shall need all we can train in the near future. Besides, I believe two weeks may prove all the time Mrs. Hubbard can make dates for, if she is not well. She is very delicate; and

making dates is very hard and precarious work.

Picture Slides. I shall give my vote in support of yours for any thing you may conclude is wise about the Louisville pictures. I know those slide lectures are very effective, with comparatively little expense, and admirably adapted to inexperienced speakers. Any thing for the Perry Memorial will probably suit the public taste; but I want again to warn you that in my going about I find parades, "hikes", etc. are not popular with the main body of the people. I am afraid the suffragists are doing too much of those things to please the judgment of the plain people, who are largely in the majority, and whose votes will decide our question.

The Test Suit. I sent off hurriedly some letters of mine, as I thought Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Campbell might come to see you. As I wrote, Mrs. Bennett is going to bring a mandamus suit for Madison Co. It will be entirely friendly, as Clerk Terrill merely wants to protect himself. We would have carried it to the Court of Appeals but for the fact that the Madison Co. court term comes in October, when it will be too late for a decision to be useful for the November election. I do not think a suit which will hang over that time will be worth while for us to bring, as I am confident the Legislature will tinker at both the Primary law and the School-Suffrage law. But if in Anderson Co. there is a real business reason why a suit should be brought, it may be possible to push it through the Court of Appeals; and we ought to help to the whole extent of the costs, if necessary. You will see from my letter to Mr. Marsh that I personally promised to raise a substantial sum for that purpose. I had intended to bring any suit that was promising myself; but after reading Judge Kerr's opinion, I concluded that a suit for damages would not accomplish the object sought, as I could not get it to the Court of Appeals in time. Hence, if those parties in Anderson are so situated as to be able to do so

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it would not cost me any more to help them than to have had a suit of my own. The only difference would be that I could have controlled what the expense should be to a large extent. Mr. Marsh has not yet answered my letter. If he writes anything I will let you know.

In the meanwhile, I think it would be useful to encourage as many of our associations as possible to bring mandamus suits where the clerks are averse to providing the ballots. As I understand, usually a mandamus suit is not expensive, where it is merely largely a matter of form, as it will be in Madison Co. We have 35 judicial districts, but in several of them the clerks are satisfied to provide ballots. I believe a general interest shown by the women will have a beneficial effect on our chances of having the primary law amended as we wish it.

MRS. ROEBUCK. I fear Mrs. Roebuck is sick, or we should have heard from her. I will write and offer to get out the minutes myself.

I have promised to go to Memphis for the Tri-state Fair on the 24th inst. Thence, I expect to go to Madisonville, to attend the W.C.T.U. convention. They are good allies, and I have had to miss the convention the past two years.

Send me a good number of the new edition of "What the Fy E.R. A. Has Done" when you get them.

Very sincerely yours,

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 12th, 1913. My dear Mrs.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Relative to Mrs. Bartlett's letter, I enclose a letter to me and my answer, sent a few days ago. You see that in it I have promised personally to raise a substantial donation to a suit in Anderson Co. provided the suit goes up to the Court of Appeals. My sister, Mrs. Bennett, will bring a mandamus suit in Madison Co., but it cannot be brought up in this county in time to go to the court of Appeals before the Nov. election.

I have a chance to send this to the office, and will write again about the other subjects,

Hastily yours,

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Lexington, Ky. Sept. 12, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

There will be introduced into the coming legislature a bill providing for a constitutional amendment to give full suffrage to Kentucky women.

The subject of woman suffrage is, of course, a live issue everywhere and one which presumably every member of the Kentucky legislature will want to consider carefully.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, enabled to do so by the generosity of Mrs. S. M. Hubbard of Hickman, Ky. desires to send you the Woman's Journal for four months. This paper founded forty years ago, is today the best publication on woman suffrage in the country. It gives the world news of the women suffrage movement: we believe that you will find it interesting reading, and ask that you give careful attention to the facts and arguments presented. We trust they will confirm in you what we hope is already a favorable attitude *of mind* toward our cause. The Woman's Journal is a weekly paper: should the issues fail to reach you regularly notify me at once.

Cordially yours,

M. M. D. Breckinridge

President, Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

Had too many copies
of these made before
I could secure
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Lexington, Ky. Sept. 3, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.
My dear Miss Laura:-

Thank you for your letter, which I am in receipt of on my return from Shelbyville this morning. We organized there with Mrs. Luther Willis as President. Counting the cards that you got signed, there are in all now about thirty-three members. I spoke both afternoon and evening. It is certainly up-hill work in many of these Kentucky towns. I have just dictated a letter to Mrs. Firth explaining that we can not pay expenses of the other two ladies to the fair. I have also dictated letters to some of the Cincinnati people, whether the right ones or not I am not sure, to see if they would take Max Eastman.

I feel we must, if possible, have a distinguished speaker from the outside in Louisville. The weakness of our organization is going to show pretty plainly then and the Louisville papers, both Mr. Watterson and Mr. Knott, are going to be quick to call attention to it. About the only thing I can think of to make the meeting impressive and to make our coming legislators believe that we are to be reckoned with at all, is to have sufficiently attractive evening meetings to draw a large crowd of Louisville people, using the opportunity, of course, to get members for the Louisville Association and strengthen it in every way possible.

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Miss Laura Clay-----2

Do you know anything of Helen Ring Robinson as a speaker?

I had a long talk last week with Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman, at Monteagle, Tenn. Mrs. Hubbard, as she wrote me before going to Monteagle, wants an organizer for October and is willing to pay all expenses of having her in her section of the State for a month. I have not been able since my return from Tenn. to take the matter up with Miss Adams, as she has been out of town every day that I have been in town, but I doubt if she would be able to leave her school work to go there. At present she is going back to Harrodsburg for Saturday and Sunday usually. Also, I think we might get someone for Mrs. Hubbard who would be more effective, as I don't believe she minds the cost. Who was the woman that you spoke to me about last spring, who you said was going to Oklahoma, and how would I address her? Can you suggest anyone else? Would you prefer Mrs. Stewart or Miss Trimm, if we could get either one of them, or is there someone else in Chicago that you think better? I should like awfully to provide Mrs. Hubbard with an organizer for the month of October, which might insure some sort of a delegation from that end of the State at our State meeting.

On my return last week I found a letter from Mrs. Hubbard, of Covington, wanting us to finance the following: A recent issue of Collier's, it seems, has a very excellent account of the Illinois fight. She and Mr. Hubbard believe that it would be well to send it to the legislators. They would be willing to do all the work, and calculate the cost at about \$50. Mr. Hubbard is the best friend we have when it comes to real aid on the political end of

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Miss Laura Clay-----3

the job. He is at Frankfort a great deal for his railroads, and already thinks he has a line-up on the ^{legislature} House. Seeing Mrs. Hubbard's interest in the work and her anxiety that we do something, I wrote her last week immediately on my return home asking her if she would finance the trial subscriptions to the Woman's Journal for the hold-over legislators and the candidates. This would cost probably a little over \$50 also. I believe it the ^{more} ~~most~~ valuable of the two things. But I also enclosed Mrs. Hubbard's letter and asked her if she would likewise be willing to finance that. In case she declines either or both of them, what is your opinion about the State Association doing it? Do you think our emergency committee has power to vote either one or the other, or must I have a vote of the board? There is no time to be lost now on either job, so if you think it must go to the board give me your vote on both propositions in your reply. The Collier's article will only be particularly valuable while it is fresh, and we can not now get the whole four months of the Woman's Journal to the legislators before they reach Frankfort. Knowing the press there, I don't think any one of them will ever look at it except before they leave home.

Mrs. Hubbard was surprised to learn that the \$1,000 she had given was not to be used until the bill had passed the legislature. She evidently thought it was being used right now and was anxious to find what we were doing. Was there a written statement of the way it was to be used accompanying the gift? I believe it is going to be many years before we are a campaign State. I have absolutely no hope of it passing the legislature this year, though I am going to work as hard as possible for it,

Miss Laura Clay-----4

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but I really consider putting in the bill only a handle for agitation

I hope to send a statement of all money spent by me to the end of August very shortly. Fortunately, I found the lost account book, after a week or two of vain search.

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Breckinridge

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Do you realize that we have never had any report from the last annual meeting? Would you be willing to write Mrs. Roebuck on the subject and see if we can get results.

Mrs. Hubbard has sent me a check for sending out the Woman's Journal to candidates, and I shall get that attended to as soon as possible. I enclose also two letters from the Covington women. I believe we make a mistake to discourage them by withholding a few dollars. I suggested that Mrs. Firth try to get ^{7 alcouth} ~~Erlanger~~ women. However, she asks that I write Miss Edna Scott again, but as I had no answer to my first letter I have no hope that she will produce any. My desire now is to write Mrs. Firth to take her four Covington women if she sees fit. I know by Lexington experience how tremendously hard it is to get the women to do this work.

I let Miss Ora Adams go back to Harrodsburg Saturday. She is still to cover two institutes for me, to make up for days lost. She usually returned to Harrodsburg for Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. There ^{are} ~~is~~ not many more institutes, and it is a question

I wrote asking Miss Scott to meet Mrs. Hubbard with helpers. Found fair. Was to begin to-day. I wrote Mrs. Firth & had effect, but said if she still thought Cov. women, we'd finish it any how, by the way she could not raise money. Got those letters off Tuesday. Please for give changing my mind & not with me.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 11, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Mrs. John B. Castleman, 32 Hill Road Louisville will find cheaper accommodations for any one desiring it. I enclose Seelbach rates. Do you *decide* on an average price for ^{Board} all members and let any one getting the more expensive ^{rooms} pay the difference personally. They will have to engage their own rooms. I cannot attend to it.

Is there any one in Mt. Sterling whom you could write and get to the Louisville meeting as a delegate? I donot find a chairman in the ^{not find a chairman in the} bunch of cards from there.

We had an equal rights meeting here yesterday afternoon. I didn't send for you as it had to be so early in the week. There will be plenty for you to do when you get here. Try to persuade individuals to go as delegates and ^{raise the money for} ~~paying~~ dues for them. We voted to have as many as ten members if that number could be found to go. I do hope that many will go.

Cordially yours,

M. McD Breckinridge.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.)

Letter received since this was dictated.

I am trying for Miss Raymond Robbins now. Tried Mrs. McCormick on Miss's advice. Didn't get her. If we can't get Chicago speaker think it would be fine to get Miss Gordon. Do you think it would be worth while to have her in addition. (over)

Must I tell clubs that they must pay 25¢ each
on ten members to get a delegate or 35¢
explaining how it is divided? Please answer at
once.

Is there anything you want to put in the
plate pages - I hope to have it ready for
Mr. Clark Thursday or Friday.

Richmond, KY.

Nov. 12th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I have heard from Miss Gordon since I write you, and she says she is not going to Washington, so I think it useless to write her further about our convention.

I would ask Mrs. Castleman to select rooms for the Board. Belle Bennett will not be there. Mrs. Nield lives in Louisville. That leaves seven to be provided for. I suggest that rooms with a bath between them will serve for two persons. If Mrs. Castleman secures them for us she can do it that way. I should think the two dollar rooms would be very comfortable arranged along with one bath for two rooms.

I do not know of any one in Mt. Sterling. I wrote you at the time whom I thought would be most active, but I kept no notes myself. No one would accept the chairmanship whilst I was there, but I remember there were two ladies who promised to do something unofficially.

There is nothing I think of for the plate page.

The constitution requires both state and National dues from each local; but since we adopted the non-dues paying basis, by consent we have been accepting state or National dues separately. However, any local who wishes one of its number to go to the National convention should certainly pay National dues for their own delegate. Fayette ought not to fall below \$35 at the very least.

I have heard today from the Ashland E.R.A., and Mrs. Bagley writes that Mrs. C.M. Freeman will go to Washington provided the delegates are entertained there. As Miss Shaw wrote you they would be, we ought to be able to count on Mrs. Freeman's going. But Miss Shaw wrote that those delegates who desired entertainment should send in

their names at least two weeks before the convention. We cannot send in Mrs. Freeman's name if we wait till the convention; and as I believe you thought with me that it is desirable that Mrs. Freeman shall go in order to increase her usefulness in the state, I suggest that we take a vote of the Board electing her. I have asked Esther Bennett, and she and I give our votes for it. If you get Mrs. Hutchinson's and Mrs. Cramer's votes, with yours, in the affirmative, that will be a majority, even if Mrs. Nield, Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Roebuck vote in the negative, or, what is most likely, do not vote at all. I will write putting the question to them, so that it will in according to order. In the meanwhile, though, if you three in Lexington vote in the affirmative, you had better write at once to Washington, asking entertainment for Mrs. Freeman. I have not the address of their entertainment committee. Mrs. Bennett and I will go to Washington. I have heard from none of the other locals. So I do not know of any others than those we have already mentioned, - Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Murray Hubbard, I hope Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Fayette Hohnson and Mrs. Freeman. Will any of the Louisville women go? We can have eleven delegates, besides you and Belle Bennett or her proxy.

I expect certainly to be in Lexington next Monday afternoon, in time for the Eastman lecture, which I see advertised in the Lexington papers.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I will write to Mrs. Castleman to secure the rooms for us, and as there is an odd number, I will ask her to get one for you separately. Perhaps you had better drop her a line about your own room yourself. It is not material to have all the officers' names down for reports. I have asked the fraternal delegates, as we agreed, and some space to hear from them would be a courtesy on the program.

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 8th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

It is impossible for me to go to Paducah for the 27th or 28th. I am going to the National W.S.A. convention, and I have accepted an invitation to speak in Baltimore the evening of the 28th.

I am very sorry you are not going to get Miss Sophonisba for our convention. I wished very much to consult her about the advisability of asking for Federal Suffrage from Congress.

If you do not succeed in securing a Chicago speaker, what do you think of asking Miss Kate M. Gordon, 1800 Prytania Street, New Orleans? She may be going to Washington; and in that case I have invited her to be my guest at the Seelbach for our convention. If she should accept, my sister or I will entertain her at our home until the Washington convention. I should think she might be willing to come for part of her expenses to Washington. Of course, it would depend upon whether she intends to go to Washington.

I am sorry to notice that the printer has got the date on our new minutes 1913 instead of 1912. This is not my error. I pointed it out to Mr. McClure, but it seems without effect.

I have never yet heard from the Committee on Arrangements in Louisville of the addresses of Boarding houses.

Very sincerely yours,

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HEADQUARTERS: 726 McCLELLAND BUILDING.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

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Oct. 1st, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Authorized by vote of the Board, the treasurer turned over to me early in the year for office and running expenses from the beginning of my administration one hundred and fifty dollars:

I have now to report that for these purposes from Nov. 11th when I bought the first dollar's worth of stamps to Sept. 1st, 1913 I have spent \$181.66. I must, therefore, ask you to authorize the treasurer to send me check for \$31.60. I must say in extenuation, that I am sending the treasurer a check for \$67.52 taken in from the sale of supplies and for membership dues; if I had deducted this, I would have come well under amount authorized. But I think it best that treasurer's books should show both expenditures and receipts. Neither should I have had to ask your indulgence if I had been able to make out my financial report a month or two earlier, as I had hoped to do. But the teacher's institutes and other summer work have kept my nose to the grindstone and to put down what I paid out and took in, is all I have been able to do.

Please observe that difference in amount paid for literature and supplies and that taken in for the sale of supplies is only \$6.74. This means that the small profits on the supplies have paid for a large amount of literature that has been distributed at teacher's institutes, chautauquas, etc., in the last seven months. Personal requests for literature never cease to come to the office, I am happy to say.

An itemized report of expenditures has been sent to the treasurer. I enclose a summary. My bill for travelling expenses \$39.87 has been sent to treasurer, as have been those of others who have gone to teacher's institutes and to form new leagues; this I understood was authorized by previous vote. I have had but one expensive trip, that to Paducah, where I addressed the State meeting of the Farmer's Institute and a citizen's meeting forming a league for McCracken County. For all other trips I have had R. R. passes or gone in my own automobile, so that expenses have been small. On other Kentucky trips I have combined suffrage with other business and made no charge against association.

Please authorize treasurer further to pay office and running expenses to amount of \$100. This should more than cover expenses to time of annual meeting. I will send her itemized statement at end of

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the month.

I have not yet gotten out plate page authorized by Board, but hope to do so before annual meeting. This is being arranged for week of Nov. 16th at Louisville, with Max Eastman as principal speaker. Please make every exertion between now and then to get a good representation from your league and from neighboring leagues at this meeting. This is vitally important, if we hope to succeed in the legislature. I hope as a member of the Board you will feel a personal responsibility in the matter.

By the generosity of Mrs. Hubbard of Hickman, The Woman's Journal is going to hold-over senators and to every candidate for the legislature. See enclosed copy of letter which preceded it.

Kindly let me have your vote on two matters requested as quickly as possible.

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Breckinridge.

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Dear Miss Laura -

This letter to the Board has been a long time delayed because Decha's stenographer who was to do copying was called away for quite awhile -

In addition to report sent other members of the Board, I am sending you copies of the itemized report sent to treasurer. Also report as to Fair expenditures, as I think you may care at your leisure to look over these - You haven't had much leisure lately with your many suffrage trips, have you?
I sent you package of literature - leave what you don't use up with Mrs. Bennett. We ought to have a depot of supplies at (over)

Richmond - Please see that one of each of the
new leaflets gets into the hands of every
normal school student.

Thanks for your letter and co-operation.
We have enough pledged to warrant us
in getting Eastman for Lexington. Am trying to
arrange dates for Louisville, Cincinnati and
Lexington -

Cordially yours
M. M.D.B.

Itemized Report Sent To Treasurer.

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Stationery, office supplies, etc.

Dec. 14th -- Acct. Book, address book, letter file- - - - -	\$.55
Feb-----Stenography- - - - -	2.45
2-----Soap 10¢, 3 celluloid trays 30¢- - - - -	.40
"-----Pad 10¢, ruler 10¢, rubber rings 25¢- - - - -	.45
"-----Sign on door - - - - -	2.50
"-----Printing 500 slips for Wmson. letter- - - - -	2.00
"-----Byrnes-1,000 env. 1,000 letter heads, box paper 200 sheets, penholders, stars, paste, ink, twine, waste basket letter rack- - - - -	8.43
March-----Byrnes- letter heads, paper, etc- - - - -	6.15
April-----" - - - - -	7.85
July 29th---Messenger - - - - -	.10
August-----Byrnes- maps, books, files, etc- - - - -	1.50
	<u>32.38</u>

Telephone Rental and Electric Light

Telephone rental Feb. 5th to March 1st- - - - -	4.55
2 April, May, June, July, August, \$3.50 each- - - - -	17.50
Electric light, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August - - - - -	<u>7.00</u>
	29.05

Telegrams and Telephones

Telegrams

Dec. 1912--Mrs. Giltner - - - - -	.31
Jan 21, 1913--Mr. Estes - - - - -	.35
March--Estes 30¢, McFarland 94¢ and his answer - - - - -	1.24
April--Miss Werner - - - - -	.38
June--Dr. Blount 35¢, Mrs. P rt 35¢ - - - - -	.70
July 8th-- Mr. Noe 25¢, to Ashland 25¢, Morehead 50¢ - - - - -	1.00
August-- Garrett Wall 50¢, Mt. Sterling 40¢, Owingsville 40¢ - - - - -	1.30

Telephones

Feb.--Mrs. Hubbard 96¢, Hutchcraft 15¢ - - - - -	1.11
March--Long distance - - - - -	1.95
June-- Coffman 30¢, Garnet 25¢, Woerner 75¢, Landrum 20¢, Chautauqua man 20¢, Woerner 38¢, Coffman 15¢ - - - - -	2.23
July-- Hutchcraft 15¢, Bartlett 25¢ - - - - -	.40
Ireland 50¢, Neville 45¢, Bennett 60¢, Piggott 85¢ - - - - -	
Hutchcraft 65¢, Riker 25¢, Hamlett 35¢, Hamlett 25¢ - - - - -	3.90
August--In Louisville 20¢, Mrs. Becker 40 ¢, Mt. Sterling 25¢ - - - - -	
Miss Clay 25¢, Hamlett 30¢, Hutchcraft 35¢ - - - - -	<u>1.75</u>

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Nov. 11th, 1912	---stamps	\$1.00
Jan. 25th, 1913	--- "	1.00
Feb. 4th, 1913	---stamps, circular letter	6.00
Feb. 8th	-----postals and wrappers	1.00
Feb. 17th	-----" " "	1.00
March 6th	-----" " "	1.00
" 12th	-----" " "	1.00
" 21st	-----" " "	1.50
" 30th	-----" " "	1.00
April 20th	-----postals	.25
" 30th	-----stamps	.50
" 30th	-----"	.50
May 4th	-----postals and stamps on cir. letter to Fed. Clubs	3.20
May 18th	-----postals and stamps	.50
May 26th	-----" " "	1.00
June 7th	-----stamps, stamed env. cir. letter to A'tty's.	5.00
June 16th	-----stamps	1.00
July 22d	-----"	2.00
" 21st	-----"	1.00
" 24th	-----"	.40
" 29th	-----"	2.00
August 1st	-----"	2.00
" 10th	-----"	1.00
" 12th	-----"	1.00
" 30th	-----"	2.00

 \$37.85

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Literature and Suffrage Supplies.

Feb. 8th-- 100 packs playing cards	\$15.00
" 11th- express on literature	1.00
" 14th- " N. Y.	8.56
March 3rd- literature	1.91
" 8th- express on literature	.70
" 13th- " " "	.85
" 13th- 100 buttons	.75
" 22nd- 500 buttons	4.25
" 30th- literature	3.00
" " & supplies bought at St. Louis	1.00
April 23rd- Literature	14.80
" 25th- "	6.05
" 30th- express 2 packages from Chicago	1.20
May 1st--- express	.75
June-- --- " (on cards)	1.10
" 1st-- Post cards	.15
" 7th-- literature, Ill. E.S. A.	2.00
July 12th-- " " # " "	7.00
August 10th- samples of literature	.19
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	\$70.26

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Some of the Expenses met personally

M. McD. Breckinridge

Book-case for supplies	\$26.95
Four chairs and mirror	6.55
Repairing desk and book-case	<u>8.00</u>
	Office furniture \$41.50
Nashville trip	22.50
St. Louis "	30.45
Columbia, Mo. trip	<u>11.85</u>
	Trips <u>64.80</u>
	106.30

Out-of-the-state trips, I have, of course, not charged to the association, though they have grown directly out of the work of my office.

Desk, chair and book-case in office were given me by Dr. T. S. Bullock. Four chairs have been loaned by Miss Laura Clay, and large office table by Mrs. J. W. Ashbrook.

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Received for the Association

Sale of buttons, Covington	\$.90
" " " ? pencils, lit/ at Transylvania	.68
" " " 2 in Virginia	1.75
Apr. 29" " " & supplies, Curry Hall Meeting	1.89
" " " " " Frankfort	5.04
June 7th sale of cards	1.86
" " " supplies, Press Association	.50
" " " " " Ky. Fed of Clubs	3.74
" " " " " Mrs. Hutchison	9.12
" " " cards, pencils, etc. Lex. Bridge Club	1.00
" " " supplies, Carlisle	7.25
July 10th " " " Somerset	1.13
" 17th " " " Lawrenceburg	1.04
" 17th " " " Mrs. Willis, Shelbyville	1.95
" 28th " " " Middlesboro	1.00
" 29th " " " Frankfort	.90
Aug. 1st " " " Mrs. Rudy, Owensboro	1.35
" " " & cards, Mrs. Berryman	2.00
" " " Versailles	1.00
Aug. 13th " " " to Miss Lloyd	1.25
20th " " " Paducah	8.80
21st " " " Cynthiana	1.50
Fayette Equal Rights, expressage, buttons, stamps	1.05
Aug 28th --Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, supplies	1.95
Sept. --- 5 pencils	4.20
Buttons	.25
Banner and calender (self)	.12
Membership fees	.30
Mrs. Wm. Coffman, Paris, Mr. Wm. Marble, Paducah, Mr. N. L. Estes, Pewisport, Dr. Boyd, Cynthiana	\$63.52
	4.00
	67.52

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M. McD. Breckinridge, in acct. with K. E. R. A.

Nov. 1912 ^{to} through ^{1st} Sept. 1913

Stationery, office supplies-----	\$32.38
Telephone rental & electric lights-----	29.05
Telephones and telegrams-----	15.62
Postage-----	37.85
Literature and supplies-----	70.26
	<u>185.16</u>
Deduct refund from Credit Men's Assoc. for printing & stamps--	3.50
Total spent from Dec. 1912 to Sept. 1st, 1913-----	181.66
Proceeds sale of supplies (\$63.53.), membership dues (\$4.00.)	67.52
	<u>\$114.14</u>