

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 15, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Please see if you think the constitution with the sentence inserted as to active members is all right.

I believe I shall actually have to send out to every local league a proposed amendment to the constitution already adopted in this or some other approved form in order to get them to do it, so few of the women have any idea of organization.

If you could reread that membership paragraph, making it better, I should be obliged.

If you have any suggestions to make in reply to this letter from Miss Ruutz-Rees, please write on the bottom of the paper, then mail on to Elise Smith and get her to mail on to Mrs. Judah.

Cordially yours,

*Desha Breckinridge*

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosures.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX      Richmond, Ky.

Jan. 19th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I re-enclose the suggested constitution,  
with my suggestions for the Membership Clause:

Membership.

No distinction shall be made in membership on account of sex. The usual method of admission shall be to sign a State Enrollment card inscribed "I believe in the right of suffrage for women and I hereby enroll myself as a member of the County Woman Suffrage League. Signing the card does not make payment of any money obligatory; but any member may become a dues-payer by paying annual dues of \$1.00, and the non-dues payers consent that the treasurer shall ask at least once a year for voluntary contributions of an unstipulated amount for the objects of the League. Out of the funds in the hands of the treasurer 25cts for State dues and 10cts for National dues for every member represented in the annual convention shall be paid to the State Treasurer, representation in the State and National Conventions being based on the dues paid.

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I do not like calling the dues-payers "active", in contra-distinction to the others. For the non-dues payers will be the larger number; and if the treasurers do their duty, will contribute much the larger sum of money. If the treasurers will not do any work neither the dues-payers or the others will pay anything. I think a some system for calling the attention of the Leagues to the duty of raising money should be adopted. This technically is the duty of the State treasurer; but as we pay only one stenographer, it might be well to have quarterly letters from Headquarters sent out, insisting on this duty, and any other which may occur. Such letters should not be sent out later than one month before the annual convention.

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I have forwarded Miss Bantz Rees letter to Elise Smith, and returned Miss Ryan's letter to Mrs. Graham.

I have not yet heard from Miss Ryan myself.

Very cordially yours,

Richmond, Ky.

Jan. 13th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I suppose the \$60.00 interest at the bank is subject to your or Mrs. Judah's check without further formalities, as I arranged that the interest should go to current expenses when I placed Mrs. Hubbard's donation there. It was only the principal which has undergone a change of order.

I have not yet heard from Miss Ryan about the Woman's Journal offer.

I enclose a letter from the management of the Parks' Hill Camp Ground. I shall answer it briefly, saying the Ky. E. R. A. will be glad to cooperate, and ask that further correspondence shall be sent to Headquarters.

I also enclose a letter received this morning, and as I have not the extracts from your speech asked for, I shall leave the answer to it to you.

I have heard from Mrs. H. T. Upton, chairman of Program Com. of the Mississippi Valley Conference that the Indianapolis people want the Conference on the 2th, 8th and 9th of March. Have you any suggestions for the program, or for the part the Ky. E. R. A. shall take in the proceedings? I shall be glad to hear them, if you have any.

Very sincerely yours,

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LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 11, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, KY.

Dear Miss Laura:

I have sent check to Mrs. Judah for \$1,000, the Hubbard fund. Mr. Threlkeld tells me that there is \$60.00 interest on that fund, but I didn't transfer this, as I didn't remember that you had said or authorized me to do so. I can, of course, send a second check as soon as you authorize me to.

Cordially yours,

*w. W. D. B.*

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

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County Women Suffrage League. Signing the card shall not make paying dues obligatory, and any member may become a dues-payer by paying annual dues of \$ ----; and the treasurer is expected to ask

the dues payers at least once a year for contributions of any amount voluntarily given for the objects of the League.

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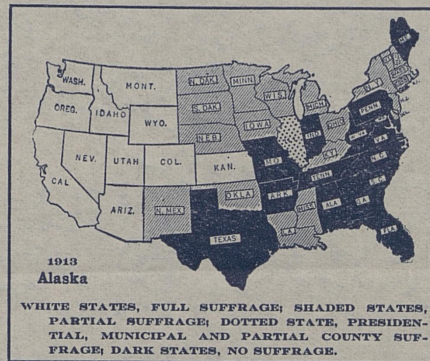
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January 23, 1915

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Breckenridge:-

In order to bring our suffrage history up to date I am asking you to send me through your Secretary or Press Chairman a brief statement of your legislative activity in Kentucky from the year 1900 up to the present time.

Am I right in believing that a suffrage amendment in Kentucky must pass one session of the legislature, meeting biennially, by a 3/5 vote in each house? What is the earliest date at which the amendment could be submitted to the voters, and how large a vote must it receive at the election? I find some authority for believing that only two amendments may be submitted at a time, and that the same one not oftener than once in five years. I would be very glad indeed if you would help me in verifying these facts.

Thanking you for any help which you may be able to give me,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Clara Savage*

Press Chairman.

CS/REM

XXXXXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

Febr.24th, 1915.

My dear Mrs.Breckinridge,

Yours with enclosures are at hand.

Not having books of reference with me, probably I cannot furnish the data Mrs.Savage asks for, but I will see what I can do.

I think it desirable to get Mrs.Knellenberg if we can. I know it is very hard to find women suited to our work, and when you can find one I certainly think you should employ her on the best terms you can make.

Next time you send to Oldham County, remind the organizer that the old soldiers at the Confederate home are interested in suffrage and several have signed our cards, and also that Miss Florence Barlow, who some years ago was in charge there, is a member.

I should have said first that I think it desirable to try out what Mr.Marsh and see what he can do. Usually, except for fine speaking, when a man has a reputation, women do better work for us.

Hoping you will have a delightful visit to Bermuda.

I am

Very cordially yours,

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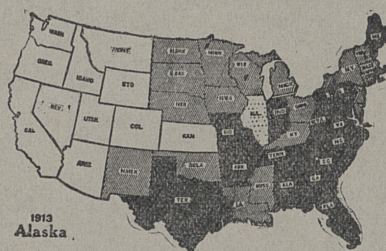
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Lexington, Ky., Feb. 23, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Won't you please answer the enclosed? I am going off to Bermuda for a two weeks rest and I find it among the thousand things I haven't cleaned up. Also read the enclosed letters from Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Knollenburg. Mrs. Knollenburg is an excellent person, and I believe we would find her a fine person for intensive work in the counties. She has lived in Shelbyville and knows many of the people. I suggested to her in Louisville last week that she ask Mrs. Willis if they would pay half her salary for from two to four weeks work in Shelby County. She is willing to work for \$50.00 a month and expenses. I will write Mrs. Willis further. A part of Mrs. Knollenburg's duties would be to collect contributions, and perhaps they would be willing to go in the half and half arrangement. If they are not, shall we try it anyhow? If she makes good in Shelby County, I would like to send her for several weeks work each in Henry, Owen and Oldham.

Mrs. Firth has been to Lagrange for me recently and will go to Eminence if I can get an invitation to me to speak before the Woman's Club there transferred. I have pressed her to go and stay some time doing intensive work in Henry County, but she doesn't want to do it. Read enclosed letters from Mrs. Firth and Miss Duerson. I have come to the conclusion that we have got to have intensive work in the counties



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to get anywhere. The one or two local people we have interested in these counties don't seem to be able to effect anything.

I believe Mrs. Firth is right, that she won't accomplish very much where she has to push. She likes to go and make a speech and come away.

We have been thinking for a week or two of writing you about trying Mr. Marsh on this. But I believe Mrs. Knollenburg is more helpful. However, we probably ought to try both. What do you say to it? A considerable part of this year is now passed with absolutely no progress made.

If Shelby County won't pay half of Mrs. Knollenburg's expenses, shan't we put her in there for two weeks anyway?

I will be home from Bermuda about the 13th, and will be here for a week before going to South and North Carolina. I would like to get this Knollenburg matter started in that week if you approve. Return these letters with my letter to you and I will have Stella send them on to Mrs. Hutchinson for her opinion. Then if we agree, I am authorized to act.

Cordially yours,

*M. Mrs. Breckinridge*  
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge) *Berm.*

Enclosures.

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Richmond, Ky.  
Febr. 14th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I am just in receipt of the letter which

I re-enclose.

I am most heartily in favor of putting up the ten dollars asked for from the state treasury. I consider one of these prize debates, where the hall, the audience and the speakers are all donated without any expense to us as very cheap indeed at ten dollars. They do as much good for propaganda as a lecture from the very best speaker, because the arguments are all derived from the best literature, and the audience is favorably inclined, because it is their own young people speaking.

In fact, I think if we could secure a hundred of such debates it would be cheaper and perhaps more effective than sending ~~organizers~~ speakers around the state. I shall always vote for a prize wherever we can find an opening for it.

I would like to have our prize go to our side, even if it is not judged the winning side; but I would not be a stickler for that if there seemed to be objection.

I think the package of good literature should also be sent.

I have received also the carbon to your letter to Elise Smith. I think however, that plan had better be discussed by the Board rather than have opinions expressed in letters, so I will be thinking about it till the Board can take it up.

Very cordially yours,

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LEXINGTON, KY., Feb. 12, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

This is one of the letters received by Mary Hodges, who is my Education Chairman. Do you think to encourage them we had better put up ten from the State treasury, or had we just better say that we can't do it in one case without doing it in many; but send him a fine package of literature? Return letter.

Cordially yours,

*M. M. D. Breckinridge*  
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosure.

(Copy)

Feb. 9, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas J. Smith,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Edise:

I missed you in Lexington and I missed you in Frankfort. I had a grand time after our Commission meeting to have a little talk with you, but of course you were in Lexington.

First, will you read the enclosed, see what you think about it and ask Tom what he thinks about it? I question whether we would get more people, who I suppose have to pay admission to the camp ground, than by making the speeches where we get free audiences in the different towns. However, Miss Gardner's enthusiasm is contagious and the fact that she is willing to work it up is a big thing, don't you think? May be we could make a lot of flow over a day there. I have written Miss Gardner to come over Saturday. I suppose we would have to have four or five speakers for morning and afternoon. Now be a good lady and read these letters right away and talk to Tom about it and let me have your judgment on the next day's mail, so I will have it before Miss Gardner gets here.

I also wanted to talk to you on the financial subject. I haven't yet gotten my State Finance Chairman and I certainly hated to suggest any good person to the National until I got mine, but after all I am glad for them to have you, Only we must put the biggest part of our money raising effort into raising it for Kentucky. Have you got any plans?

[Feb 9, 1915]

There is a big plan that I advised Texas to use last winter, the suggestion being made to me by my host. I find the National wants to try this plan in some of the states, but I think they are going to be considerate enough to take the enfranchised states, instead of one of us poor struggling ones. It could be worked both for state and National, but don't say anything about doing it to the National people until we can talk it over with Miss Laura, preferably with a Board meeting. It is to get at list of the tax paying women and write each one for a contribution, enclosing a printed argument for tax paying women who want suffrage. I presume it would be pretty expensive to get up the lists of names, in fact I don't know exactly how we would get them, and the money for postage and stationery would be a good deal. If we should decide to do it both for State and National, we could divide expense. We could make the request that the person written to send at least 10¢ for the State and 10¢ for the National, perhaps enclosing coin cards, not prohibiting their sending more, of course. In addition to the money it brought in it would have an enormous educational value. Really, we ought to do it on the whole-sale in Kentucky this year, as a preparation for our legislative campaign. On second thoughts, to save writing, I will send Miss Laura a carbon copy of this letter. Badly expressed as it is I hope you will both catch the idea and be thinking over it for Kentucky. If I should get Mrs. Leech for Finance Chairman, but I don't know that I will going to, I don't even get any answer to my letters now, she could manage that sort of a big stunt.

Would you want Mrs. Hutchinson and me any time in the next two weeks, if we could come? I am probably going to Bermuda with my husband the 27th, which would mean leave here about the 24th. I have vague thoughts of doing a West Virginia stunt in between, but I think I probably won't pull it off. May be your cotton ball is all you are

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equal to just now, or may be you would like to rush the two things,  
using one to advertise the other. Be frank and don't feel any  
obligation to say you want us unless it suits .

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosures.

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June 12, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

We are receiving letters from league presidents, who are anxious to know how their league can get the Campaign Kit. I wonder whether you have been able to plan an itinerary for the Kentucky Campaign Kit. If not, could you take the matter up at once? The original plan was that each league should have the Kit from one to three weeks.

Several State Associations have found it valuable to send out advance notices in order that the league may know when to expect the Kit. I do not know but what you already have done this, but if you haven't, could you? The itinerary will enable them to make arrangements for displaying the map and posters and to prepare for a meeting at which possibly the outlines, "Answers to Antis", etc. can be read and studied. Above all it will enable them to get a more definite idea of how participation in the "Each State--1000--August 13" campaign can help their local cause.

We must have the leagues behind us strong, if we are to get the 1000 subscriptions in Kentucky.

Enclosed is a suggestion for newspaper publicity which you may wish to send to each league, as the time comes for it to have the Kit.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge  
726 McClelland Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

P. S. Won't you try our new stickers on your letters? Help spread the "Each State--1000--August 13" idea.

Will you send a copy of this to every league to which you send  
The Traveling Kampaign Kit? It ought to reach them one week  
before they get the Kit so they may have advance notices printed  
in their papers.-- The Woman's Journal and Suffrage News

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The Traveling Kampaign Kit, the official equipment  
for conducting suffrage work in this state, will be received at  
the headquarters of the Equal Suffrage League of.....(town)  
on.....(date), and will be on exhibition from  
9 A. M. to 5 P. M. daily for one week. (Change if necessary)

A meeting especially to exhibit the Traveling Kampaign  
Kit will be held on the evening of.....Mrs. ....  
.....will preside. The other speakers will be....  
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The Kit contains one dozen suffrage cartoons, a  
perpetual suffrage map, a complete set of outlines for conducting  
the campaign and other valuable material. The map and the  
12 cartoon posters will be displayed in the headquarters  
windows and on the walls. The Traveling Kampaign Kit was  
presented to the State Association on May 1 in celebration of  
the 60th anniversary of the marriage of founders of the nation-  
al suffrage paper, the Woman's Journal and Suffrage News  
published in Boston, Massachusetts. The Kit is to "travel"  
from league to league in this state and then will return to the  
State Suffrage headquarters at.....



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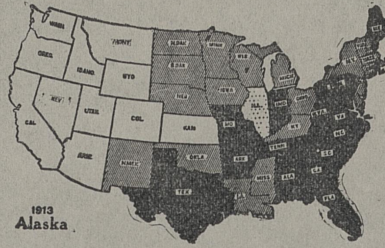
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Lexington, Ky., Apr. 17, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Please read the enclosed from Miss Ryan and if you approve, will you make the presentation as a part of the May Day program here? Mrs. Berryman is in charge of May Day and I told her this morning that I would write you on the subject. It seems to me we ought to get one thousand subscriptions to the Woman's Journal, but how I am to find people to work is beyond me. Everybody approves of work being done, but nobody believes in doing the work to get <sup>a thing</sup> it done.

I enclose also letter from the Congressional Committee thinking you may be interested in it.

Cordially yours,

*Desha Breckinridge*

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosures.

*What do you think of Sat morning 10:00'clock  
Phoenix Hotel, May 22nd for a Board meeting of  
K. E. R. A. The Fed. meeting is ~~over~~ over  
Friday night - I thought our women might be  
here for that and would stay over for after-  
noon business - (over)*

Michigan Equal Rights Association

Can you suggest some-one that I could  
get as state chairman of or this woman's  
journal matter (to get 1,000 subscribers)  
who would really do active work.

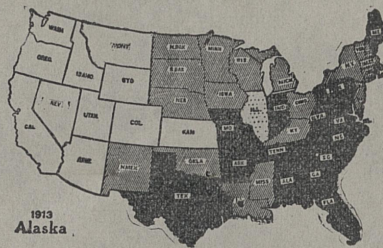
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Lexington, Ky., June 30, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

I enclose statement from the Phoenix and Third Trust Co., of remaining amount held by them. I have now checked <sup>this</sup> to Mrs. Judah, according to our last conversation on the subject. *previous vote of the Board.*

In answer to your letter of June 26th, I think it would be an excellent plan to get the different leagues to get the endorsements from conventions, and I will be glad to have you take it up in all the letters you write. I will also include it in circular letter which I will send out to presidents shortly, but I find there is very little result from these circular letters.

Yes, I think it would be a good idea to find out as soon as we can who wants to go to the National Convention. I will try to do so and you try to do so.

Please jog my memory about paying in our National dues at the right time.

I do think it would be a good idea for you to write Mrs. Mengel and ask her to let you know how they are getting on with their Woman's Journal subscriptions. I don't see any evidence in the Woman's Journal that much is being done in the State. I am having the Lexington Committee meet once a week and am sending on their subscriptions promptly, but they are getting very few. We have sent in now a total

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of forty-five, of which I have personally gotten eighteen. You know Mrs. Mengel is trying the commission plan, having high-school girls get them. Suppose you suggest to her that they also try individually to get their friends and acquaintances. The chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee is Mrs. E. C. Moore, 1037 Fourth Ave., but I don't think it hurts to have another letter go to Mrs. Mengel on the subject. We ought to keep her feeling that it is an important job.

I enjoyed the Virginia trip and am feeling all right.

Cordially yours,

*M. D. B.*

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosure.

*Has the Richmond League got a committee working on the Woman's Journal matter?*

# Phoenix and Third Trust Company

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Y. ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT

W. L. THRELKELD, SEC.-TREAS.

LEXINGTON, KY. June 23, 1915.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,

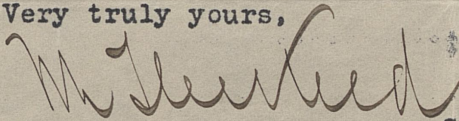
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge:-

I take pleasure in submitting you a statement of the account of the Kentucky Equal Rights' Association as of this date.

Balance on hand.....	\$165.25
Interest on account to date .....	<u>23.15</u>
Total.....	\$188.40

Very truly yours,



Sec.-Treas.

WLT MS.

Richmond, Ky.

June 26th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Do you think it would be a good plan to ask our Leagues to get endorsements from conventions which may meet in their city to a resolution approving the submission of a state constitutional amendment by our Legislature? You have learned that Mrs. Oldham got such an endorsement from the Fire Underwriters; and it seems to me that a number of endorsements from conventions of all kinds would be more effective than petitions for the amendment. I see that recently there was a convention of Dry Codds men in such a small place as Nicholasville. Please let me hear from you on this point, as I have already mentioned it in my letters to the larger cities, and I could easily urge it when I am writing to women I knew. Of course, letters should go out from Headquarters to all these leagues where you think there are women capable of doing that kind of work; or where you think it would be worth while to send them help.

(2) I have received a letter from Mrs. Pest, Paducah, saying both she and Miss Husbands wished to go to the Washington convention. Would it be a good idea to begin already to find out what women are wishing to go; and if by good luck more than the fifteen delegates we are entitled to send wish to go, it might be good policy for us to send on more National dues, so as to have all these women instructed by the convention. To do that, would require that we should know at least a month before the National books are closed. Mrs. Pest says she expects to send as much as \$35.00 to the state

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treasurer and hopes to send ten delegates to Lexington convention. She thinks McCracken will get 100 subscribers to the Journal.

I hope you had a successful trip in West Virginia. I know you did them good, and I trust you are not worn out by so much campaigning.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. If you think it desirable for me to write to the Louisville women about the Journal please let me know. I have been thinking you had said all that is needful to them.

L.C.

Richmond, Ky.

July 5th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I return the letter to ministers and the resolution. I think both are excellent, and I authorize the signing of my name to any similar.

I approve of sending letters individually to the ministers of the Christian church. I also think it would be an excellent thing to do to send them to ministers of other denominations.

Yes, I would like to see Mrs. Harrison with a committee working to get endorsements and co-operation from all the denominations.

I failed to get any resolution through the Diocesan Council at Newport. In fact, I can hardly be said to have made any effort to do so. I had not time to do any preliminary work; and I am doubtful if I could have gotten a hearing. On reflection, I think we must work on individual ministers in the Episcopal Church just as in the Christian church. Except the Council we have no general meeting, and that comes but once a year.

Suggestions: I think it might be a good idea to address Ministerial Asse. in each city. Nearly all the denominations are represented in them, and to get a discussion in them would be beneficial. They meet often, and surely would find time sometimes to think about this. Either this might be done from the central office, or members of Mrs. Harrison's committee might work it in their own towns.

I have not yet got anything done for the W. Journal in Richmond except the promise of five subscriptions from one member. Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay



Richmond, Ky.

July 10th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Yours received with enclosure from New Jersey.

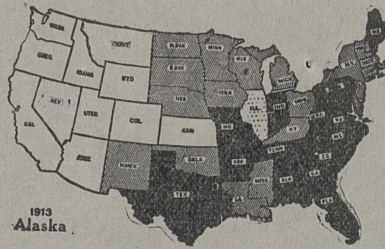
I do not know what advice to give; but if you take a vote of the Board to make a donation to New Jersey I will vote Yes. I feel that every victory won in another state is that much help in Kentucky. A state in the solid East would mean an incalculable advantage to us in Kentucky. At the Chicago Conference the expression of opinion was that New Jersey might carry if it had help enough.

Very cordially yours, *Laura Clay*

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Lexington, Ky.,

July 17, 1915.

Dear Madam President:

School trustees for the rural schools will be elected on the afternoon of August 7th, the first Saturday in August, just three weeks from today. Women are eligible as trustees and to vote in these elections, as you will see from the enclosed leaflet.

It is important to the equal rights movement as well as to the educational interests of the State that the women of Kentucky use their school ballot. Will you not help to bring this about by getting your local paper to publish the enclosed leaflet and by distributing, or having the members of your league distribute, these leaflets to the country women. I will supply you free of cost as many as you write me you will distribute.

The exceptional offer made by the Woman's Journal expires on the 13th of August, Lucy Stone's birthday, less than four weeks from today. Under the terms of this offer if a thousand new subscriptions are obtained for Kentucky, \$300. of the money would be retained in the State for our local suffrage work. Every league sending in subscriptions may retain 30% of each dollar in its local treasury. If you obtain only twelve subscribers in your county the amount retained by your local league will more than pay State and National dues (\$3.50) on one delegate to the State Convention to be held in Lexington in November. You cannot do any better educational work for suffrage in your community than to get a number of persons reading the Woman's Journal every week. Please try to rush this work.

A resolution endorsing the submission of woman suffrage to the voters was placed in the Republican platform. Mrs. Murray Hubbard, Chairman of the Federation Committee, who obtained this concession from the Republicans will also try to get a plank in the Democratic platform. I enclose for your information copy of letter sent out by Mrs. Hubbard to prominent Republicans. Please use your influence with the local Democratic leaders in favor of such a resolution.

If your league desires to nominate a delegate for the National Suffrage Convention in Washington December 14th, please notify me as soon as possible. The State Association will have to pay National dues on the number of delegates desired sometime before the Convention and it is well for us to know as soon as possible how many suffragists desire to go from Kentucky.

Cordially yours,

Pres.  
 [MRS. DESHA BRECKINRIDGE]

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MRS. JOHN LITTLE, 618 FLORAL TERRACE, LOUISVILLE, CHAIRMAN LECTURE DEPARTMENT

Lexington, Ky., July, 1, 1915.

Dear Board Member:

As you will see by referring to the minutes sent you of the Board meeting of May 22nd in Lexington, it was voted that a letter, to be drafted by Mrs. Smith, be sent by the president to all the church governing bodies in the state. Mrs. Smith did not take in that she was to prepare a letter as well as the resolution. She attempted to send me a resolution quite promptly after the Board meeting, but failed to enclose it and it was lost. She later sent me a communication prepared by Mrs. McDowell for the Episcopal Diocese. Mrs. Smith was then on her way to Michigan and, as I am getting requests for the letter from other Board members, I have prepared the enclosed which I submit to you for corrections and suggestions. Kindly return promptly. Kindly read over the minutes of the last meeting also and return with this letter information giving name and post-office address of the person to whom letter should be sent to cover religious body which it is your duty to attend to. I am sending a copy of this also to Mrs. Leech, as she undertook the Southern Presbyterians. Mrs. McDowell please note that she is also to attend to the Christian Science Church through Mrs. Castleman.

As directed, I personally requested Mrs. A. M. Harrison to bring the matter as she saw fit before the Christian Church. There is no general state governing body in the Christian Church. If we are to reach the ministers of that church, therefore, a letter must be addressed to each one. There are about a thousand, I believe, in the state. Personally I think it would be worth while, but would like your judgment in the matter.

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Mrs. Harrison does not desire to send out the letter herself, either as an individual or as chairman of the Church Work Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. She thinks the letter should go signed by the members of the Board, and, as I remember our conversation, is willing to add her signature as chairman of church work. If you approve this plan, please authorize me to have the letter signed for you, as I could only attempt to get the original signatures of those Board members living in Lexington. I think a letter similar to the one I have enclosed, except that it is written to the individual minister, would do; suggestions are earnestly desired, however.

Would it not be well to ask Mrs. Harrison if she can give the time to our cause to appoint a number of other persons to work with her on the church committee who would at least try to get individual ministers to speak and work for us and take such further steps as they see fit to further the work of this committee.

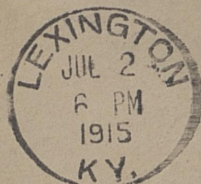
Cordially yours,

*M. M. D. Breckinridge*  
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge) *m.*

Enclosures.

P. S. I am using this paper in letters to the Board as a matter of economy. It was recently resurrected by Miss Milligan, whose business school gave the Federation much free work during my chairmanship. Mrs. Lacey confirms my notion that the Federation couldn't economize that way.

RETURN AFTER 5 DAYS TO  
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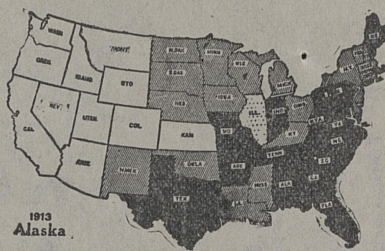
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Lexington, Ky., July 21, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Please read the enclosed correspondence and advise me. I can't find the carbon of my first letter to Mrs. Cyrus Field to which Miss Ruütz-Rees refers in her letter of July 6th. It was asking her, however, if the National could furnish us the sermon.

Now the question comes, how many shall I order of the leaflet now entitled "To the Clergymen of New York State" and of the sermon, a thousand as you know would only cover the ministers of the Christian Church. You know you suggested sending them to the ministers of the Episcopal Church. And I believe we would get greater results by sending them to the ministers of some of the younger and less formal churches like the Baptists. Since the publishing of the two things by the National also depends somewhat evidently on our ordering, I am inclined to order 5,000 of each with a view of covering the ministers of Kentucky individually. I do not want to do this, however, without the approval at least of the Emergency Committee. In the first place the postage alone to reach 5,000 ministers with a letter and follow up letter enclosing the sermon would be \$200.00. I think it would probably be more valuable to us than the same money spent in a plate page, but of course, that is all guess work.

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If you approve it and desire it done, I am willing to undertake the labor of putting it through. The real work will of course come in in getting correct lists of the names and addresses of the ministers. Will you suggest in the first place to whom I shall apply to get such a list of the Episcopal Church?

This will not interfere in any way with the plan to get ministers to pass a resolution at their annual meeting. In fact, if it can be carried out before these meetings, I think it will make them more apt to resolute in our behalf.

Please let me hear from you as promptly as possible on this subject and return all the material. See whether you think I had best order 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 thousand of leaflets. Perhaps

less of sermon -

Cordially yours,  
W. W. D. Breckinridge -  
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

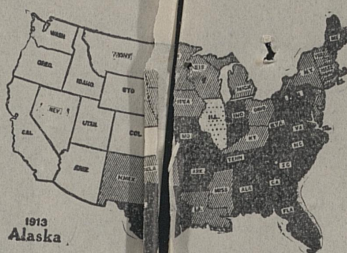
Enclosures.

Mrs. Hutchinson has read this letter + all of the enclosed. She thinks it would be most fruitful of results. She advises ordering 5,000 of each, even if we cannot afford postage to reach 5,000 ministers, but have our suffragists hand around a good many of them. I believe that <sup>sermons</sup> also my judgment - I think Miss Putz. Res ought to submit <sup>1</sup> & I will ask her if she can do that. I am submitting this to vote of us 3 rather than whole board, because it seems such a bulky subject to explain. A long letter to Board members goes out to-day. Read it for financial statement.

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Lexington, Ky., July 21, 1915.

Dear Board Member:

I enclose circular letter recently sent out to league presidents (you are getting the copies on which the mimeograph did poorly).

Miss Clay advises sending out as soon as possible petitions to be circulated in the legislature next year. I shall do this. I want, however, to call your attention to the fact that the majority of our leagues are not worth the powder that would blow them up; that in most cases the State Organization will waste, as it has been doing right along, the postage and stationery it has sent asking local leagues to do <sup>such</sup> this work. A few of them will respond and that, of course, will justify the waste, but the point I want to bring to your realization is that touching high points last year at teachers' institutes and the one effort of a paid organizer in a county brought us at that time a great number of signers in each of those counties. One year from that time we are in exactly the same position that we were, with no more signers and with no organization to put your finger on. Now if we have the slightest hope of getting through the next legislature, we have got to do the follow up work persistently from this on. You will see from the enclosed article how much of this I have so far succeeded in <sup>getting</sup> doing this year. I will do personally as much more as I can, but I am writing to ask if it is not possible for every member of the Board to personally organize this summer one county beside the work



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she does in her home community. Please let me have an answer on this subject with a suggestion as to which county you will take. It should be one near your home to save railroad expense, and because you are supposed to have more friends and connections near your home than at a distance from it.

For your information in this connection I will state that Mrs. Knollenberg having given a little over two weeks in Shelby County is now giving about two weeks in Henry and Oldham counties. She then goes North for a month's vacation. If we want to employ her on her return, my plan would be to use her in ~~Trimble~~, Owen, Trimble and Carroll, <sup>near</sup> the counties where she is now working and near Louisville. They are all darkest Africa so far as suffrage is concerned. Mrs. Knollenberg ought to be able to follow up her own meetings with meetings addressed by speakers from Louisville. When I last heard from her she had not been able to get any of the speakers I had suggested from Louisville for Henry or Oldham. I have told her that if she can't get speakers from Louisville I will go myself for the follow-up meetings, but I still hope that Louisville will be able to fill that bill.

Mr. W. P. Marsh went to work for us on Monday, the 19th. He will give us six weeks, until about the first of September when he goes to Ohio to take part in the Prohibition Campaign. I have planned with him to cover in this time Lincoln, Garrard, Rockcastle and Casey counties. I am relying on Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Smith to do the speaking for his follow-up meetings in these counties, since they are much more easily reached from Richmond than any other point. I tried also to get the Reverend Ellis B. Barnes of Richmond for this follow up meeting, but find he is at present in California. I hope Mr. Marsh and the Richmond Board Members, however, will see that he does give us a full series of follow ups in those counties.

With Miss Clay's advice I am trying to engage Mrs. DeMoss also for organizing work, but have not yet heard from her. *Have just heard she could go to work for us Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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As to the New Jersey matter: - Miss Laura suggests a donation of from fifty to one hundred dollars and thinks twenty-five would be better than nothing. She states there is no more money available this year except interest on the Bruce Fund amounting to \$128.07. You have had Mrs. Judah's report that there is in round numbers a thousand dollars in the treasury. Expenses <sup>to Sept. 1st</sup> already contracted for salaries and expenses, <sup>of organizers</sup> printing bills, literature, usual office expenses, <sup>Collier's salary</sup> etc., will be at least \$350.00, <sup>leaving about \$800.</sup> for the rest of the year's expenses, if no other money comes in. You are now in a position to make as good a guess as I can as to what you want to vote for New Jersey or New Jersey and the other campaign states. It occurs to me to propose the following: be perfectly free to veto it. I intend to give some time ~~to give some time~~ to New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, possibly as much as three weeks, at least two weeks. I doubt if I can stretch it to reach Massachusetts, which seems the least likely of the campaign states. Would Kentucky like to make as her donation <sup>to the campaign states</sup> the use of her president for a given length of time with expenses paid, the total <sup>of expenses</sup> not to exceed \$100., or a smaller sum if you think best, leaving me to pay the remainder? There may be some other member of the Board who is planning to give time in the campaign states, and I don't want to seem to try to crib the Kentucky donation, but it just struck me that it would be a rather nice way of doing it, and I have been appealed to for time in these states.

In conclusion, are you personally trying to push the Woman's Journal campaign? The time is nearly up; just about three weeks left during which the offer of \$300. for the Kentucky work out of the thousand <sup>dollars</sup> subscribed is open to us. If you are not, don't you think you ought to get out and personally work on it in your community? If the members of the Board don't do this, how can we expect ordinary county league officers to do it? More popular education and interest on the question of suffrage in Kentucky is basic. The more I go to the small towns and

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try to organize leagues the more I believe in plate pages, letters to ministers and <sup>all the</sup> other whole-sale methods of making public opinion that we can <sup>possibly</sup> afford. The few people in these Kentucky towns who really believe in suffrage have so little general support and sympathy that it just requires more moral courage than exists to get them to lead the movement. In many places they are still ridiculous because they are suffragists. It is hard for you in the cities to realize the primitive condition of many as to suffrage in the rural districts of Kentucky. A thousand Kentucky readers of the Woman's Journal would be worth much more to the cause here than the \$300. which it puts into our local treasuries, though that is not to be sneezed at.

Pardon length of letter, but kindly give each paragraph your prayerful attention. The organist is doing the best she can, but she needs your help.

Cordially yours,

U. U. D. B.

Pres.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Richmond, Ky.

July 22nd, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

Your letter, with enclosures, of July 21st is at hand.

(1) I will do what follow-up work I can for which engagements are made for me. When I am on the farm I am so isolated that I cannot do much personal work of any kind; and I find it hard to accomplish much by writing.

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(2) Yes, I should like very much to make a donation from Ky. to the campaign states of a portion of time from our President; and I vote that one hundred dollars be appropriated for her expenses. I suggest that preference be given as much as possible to N. Jersey, as a victory there would redound to the advantage of the other states on account of the earlier vote. I am sure we would all feel grateful if you can so donate your services.

(3) I am doing what I can to push W. Journal work. I believe we will have appreciable success. Those who have answered my letters besides those whose replies Miss Martin has seen are: Mrs. Alice Shelbourne, Bardwell; I think she would help to circulate a petition. Mrs. R. F. Rowe, Columbia; Mrs. Obenchain, Bowling Green; Miss Eliza Piggott, daughter of the president at Irvington; Mrs. Post, Paducah;

(4) I can get out some women voters in our rural school district, as we elect a trustee this summer. I vote there myself.

(5) I think you ought to let Mrs. DeMoss know that you would like to continue her in the employ of the Ky. W. P. A. We must find workers for the next year.

(6) About the ministers and suffrage sermon: I approve of the "Letter to Clergymen" very much. I should like to see a copy of the sermon before ordering it. If it was not orthodox in any respect, there is no body which would be more offended than the half-educated minister, of whom there are many in Ky. I think we need to be cautious; but with such care I like your whole idea, and give my vote for it.

(7) You can get the list of Episcopal clergymen in the Lexington Diocese from Miss Williamson, the Bishop's secretary, and she could tell you to whom to write for the Diocese of Ky. The Episcopalians are like to be the third most liberal in their views of any denomination, the Methodists and Christians preceding them. The Baptists and Presbyterians the most difficult.

I re-enclose letters.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

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MRS. JOHN LITTLE, 618 FLORAL TERRACE, LOUISVILLE, CHAIRMAN LECTURE DEPARTMENT

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 24, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Laura:

I think you would like to read the enclosed and express yourself before I send any answer to Dr. Shaw's letter. I am inclined not to answer at all, for I think the tone and attitude of it is as bad as Miss Gordon's.

I really do think Miss Gordon is in the wrong and that the tone and attitude of her letter is very bad. The National has never, because of the forming of the Southern Conference, relinquished its rights to get Southern people affiliated with it to help to carry out its policies. I think Mrs. McCormick has a perfect right to get Southern women if they agree with her policy to help her with her effort for Federal legislation. I think Miss Gordon is assuming entirely too much if she thinks the Southern Conference binds all suffragists in the Southern states to her states' rights policy. And also, I think the tone of her letter to Mrs. McCormick is unnecessary and mighty fighty. I don't wonder it made Dr. Shaw feel like fighting back a little. But somehow Dr. Shaw always fights so as to make you side with the other fellow.

What would you suggest that I do in the matter, preserve a Fabian silence or express myself guardedly and without any special condemnation of Miss Gordon as considering that the National Congressional Committee has a right to enlist Southern sympathizers in its work?

Cordially yours, *M. Mrs. Breckinridge Rev M.*

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MRS. JOHN LITTLE, 618 FLORAL TERRACE, LOUISVILLE, CHAIRMAN LECTURE DEPARTMENT

Aug. 27, 1915.

Dear Madam:

Tomorrow, Saturday August 28th, the delegates will be chosen to the Democratic Convention in Louisville Tuesday, Aug. 31st. Most of these delegates will go down to Louisville I presume Monday morning. Mrs. Hubbard and her Committee are trying to get into the Democratic platform a plank endorsing the submission by the next legislature of woman suffrage to the voters. She has gotten such a plank in the Republican platform. The Prohibitionists have endorsed woman suffrage, the Progressives will re-enact their platform of which one of the strongest planks is for woman suffrage. A Democrat who is opposed to woman suffrage even, might well be in favor of the democratic measure of submitting the question to the voters: that is all we are asking the Democrats to endorse in their platform. Will you not on receipt of this letter get into communication with the delegates from your county to the Louisville Convention and try to persuade them to stand for us? This is an S. O. S. call; lose no time in acting on it and having other members of your League act on it.

Secondly. The National Association has made an appeal to Kentucky to help in the New Jersey campaign. New Jersey votes on suffrage October 16th. The way New Jersey goes will have a very important bearing on the November election in New York State and in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Your Board has voted to send Mrs. Breckinridge ~~of~~ for three weeks to the campaign states, the larger part of this time to be given in New Jersey and New York, and to send Mrs. Firth for some weeks to New Jersey, ~~and~~ expenses paid to the amount of \$150. One contribution of \$50. has been made for this purpose. I was asked by the National to make an appeal to our local leagues for help for New Jersey. Our Board has already vetoed because of the necessity for prompt action; but I am now appealing to you and your members for any contribution you may feel it possible to give to make up this \$150. Send your check as soon as possible to Mrs. J. B. Judah, Treasurer, 2115 Murray Ave., Louisville, Ky. No Melting Pots have been opened in the State this year, so this is the first request made you for campaign contributions. The best way to help Kentucky now would be to win an Eastern State this fall.

The Woman's Journal offer of which 30% of every dollar subscription comes to our local work has been extended. The Board desires to send at once trial subscriptions to all candidates for the legislature. One contribution of \$10. has been made for this purpose. About \$50. is needed for the purpose. Will you also lay this before the members of your league at once?

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Mrs. McCormick of the Congressional Committee suggests that every local league give a Going-Away-Party to their United States Congressman before he leaves for the opening of Congress on December 1st: this party to be a suffrage meeting at which the Congressman will be impressed with the desire of his women constituents (?) for full suffrage. If your League cares to carry out this excellent plan, detailed suggestions can be had from Mrs. Murray Hubbard, Fort Thomas, Ky., Congressional Chairman for Kentucky.

The Annual convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association will be held in Lexington probably the second week in November. Please hold your annual meeting for election of officers, delegates to State Meeting and other business before that time. Mrs. Phillip Snowden of London, England, has been secured as one of the speakers. Exact date and further details will be sent you in my next circular letter to presidents.

Cordially yours,

Pres.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 8th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I am returning the so-called sermon sent by Miss Ruutz-Rees. I agree with you that it is unsuited for circulation among the ministers of Kentucky. I would not distribute it if it were sent us free.

I will ask Belle Bennett if she can write an article suitable. As for myself, I do not think I can write one more suitable than a Bible Reading I have been using in public addresses for many years, and of which I enclose a copy. If you think it suitable for our purpose please suggest such alterations as you would like. I think it is too long, and I believe I could abridge it for printing, if you care to use it.

I enclose a suggested head of the petition you asked me to write. I have learned from Mr. Marsh that one petition head can be used for both the Senate and the House, which is much easier to get signed than two would be. A short preamble might be prefixed; but I have found that every additional word just makes an objection for some signer. The form I have used is not necessary. The submission might be to strike out the word "male" in the election clause; or indeed, several forms are equally good.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay



# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

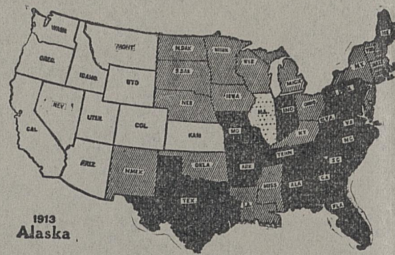
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Lexington, Ky., Aug. 30, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

I talked with Mrs. Beauchamp the other day about getting a suffrage speech at the Prohibition Convention in Bowling Green, about September 17th, I think it is. She told me she would be glad to give a Fraternal delegate from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thirty minutes time.

I couldn't make her admit that there was any reason for doing so, but I am sure that you will agree with me that since the nomination of Stanley, the action, in fact, of both Democratic and Republican parties, it is the crucial time for making the W. C. T. U., women realize that prohibition may absolutely depend on getting woman suffrage first and that, at any rate, it is the most important second issue to them of any political question.

I wonder whether you would be this fraternal delegate or whether, because of the fact of your having spoken to the W. C. T. U., people angoodtmany times on suffrage before you would think it wiser to have someone else. Mrs. Obenchain ocured to me because of her reputation, her pleasing personality and the fact that she is already at Bowling Green. I don't think, however, that she is anything like as forcible a speaker as you and I doubt if she is as forcible even as Mrs. Mitchell. I am ready to be guided absolutely by your judgment

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in the matter, and please don't let any question of modesty effect your judgment, for it is just a question of who can do the most for the cause. I hereby appoint you or someone else whom you may choose as fraternal delegate from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

And I am going to ask you as Corresponding Secretary and also as chief bottle washer of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to take up this matter and bring it to a conclusion for me, notifying Mrs. Beauchamp in time who the delegate will be.

Stella and I have cleared off a good many good jobs this week, putting in most of the time, however, on Mrs. Hubbard's, but I still cannot see day-light, so I have to try to delegate a few jobs.

With apologies for the same, I am

Cordially yours,

*M. Desha Breckinridge*, Pres.  
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

*Suit to Christians + Baptists  
Will go to all the other ministers in Ky.*

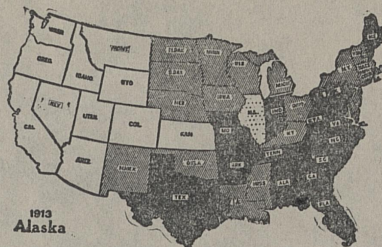
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Lexington, Ky., Sept. 17, 1915.

Dear Sir:

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, an organization of more than 15,000 members, appeals to you to give your moral support to the cause of woman suffrage in Kentucky.

Eleven states and the territory of Alaska now have full suffrage, as you see from the map printed above; Illinois women have presidential, municipal and school suffrage. There are in all some four million women eligible to vote in presidential elections. New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are voting on the question this fall.

We feel that woman suffrage is not so much a political question as a question based upon righteousness and justice. Since the interest of women, as manifested where they vote, concentrates itself upon the protection of the home, women and children and upon the advancement of personal and public morality, we believe that no more important step can be taken for the betterment of this State than the granting of suffrage to its women.

Ministers know probably better than any other class of men how large a per cent of the workers for moral betterment are women. It can be readily proven by the legislation passed in suffrage states that women remain true to type when they are given political power. There is

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no reason to suppose that Kentucky women will be inferior to the women of the Western States or less conscientious in their use of political privileges.

The Prohibition, the Progressive, the Socialist and the Republican parties of Kentucky have this year endorsed in their platforms the submission by the Legislature of the question of woman suffrage to the voters. The first three parties have in addition endorsed the principle as one of justice and righteousness. The Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs, including more than 15,000 women, endorses the principle and has in addition urged the submission of the question by the next Legislature. Even those not yet convinced of the righteousness and expediency of woman suffrage, should at least advocate the submission of the question to the voters as the only Democratic solution of a question vitally affecting fifty per cent of the adult population of Kentucky.

Believing that ministers of the gospel should always be, and usually are, leaders in moral questions, we make bold to ask you, if you believe in the justice of the principle of woman suffrage, to preach as soon as possible a sermon on the subject, and to use your influence with your congregation in its behalf. The enclosed leaflet contains some data. Additional literature will be gladly furnished by this office on request.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give us, I am

Cordially yours,

*M. M. D. Breckinridge,*

Pres. K. E. R. A.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosure.

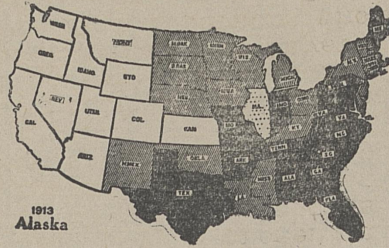
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Dear Madam:

Lexington, Ky.,

Sept. 25, 1915.

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that the annual meeting of the K. E. R. A., will be held in Lexington, Ky., dates Nov. 8 - 10. Arrangements have been concluded with Mrs. Philip Snowden of London, England, to speak for us Monday evening, the 8th, and with Frau Rosika Schwimmer of Budapest, Hungary, one of the most remarkable of women speakers who has come to this country in many years, to speak for us Tuesday afternoon. We are joining with the Political Science Committee of the Women's Club of Central Kentucky to bring the latter. An automobile ride and reception at Ashland will be tendered delegates and visitors Monday afternoon. Tuesday evening a banquet with three minute addresses by our State and Foreign celebrities will be given at the Phoenix Hotel. Tickets may be secured in advance from Mrs. J. B. Judah, 2115 Murray Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Your Annual  
 Meeting

If you have not already done so, please hold as soon as possible your annual meeting for the hearing of annual reports from your officers and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Report always immediately to State Headquarters the date of election of officers and names and addresses of such officers. Please vote at this meeting how many delegates you will send to the Lexington Convention and elect the same or instruct your president to appoint them.

Credentials

Send to Mrs. J. B. Judah, 2115 Murray Ave., Louisville, Ky., Treasurer of the K. E. R. A., as soon as possible \$3.50 for each paid-up-delegate that you desire to send. Mrs. Judah will at once send you credential blanks for all delegates as soon as they are paid for. I enclose in this letter credential blank for your delegate-at-large, for whom no payment is necessary. This delegate-at-large is usually the President of the league, but may be some other person whom she appoints.

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Please notify as soon as possible Mrs. F. W. Clare, 265 S. Ashland Ave., Lexington, Ky., Chairman of the Hospitality Committee of the Fayette E. R. A., of the number and the names of the persons whom your league will send as delegates to Lexington. The suffragists of the Fayette E. R. A., hope to provide hospitality for all visiting delegates.

In addition to your delegates, send as many visitors to the Convention as possible. They will have all the privileges of the Convention except a vote.

Time  
Limit  
Extended

I hope you are a reader of the Woman's Journal and have observed that the Journal has extended the time of its special offer to January 1, 1916. From every dollar that you take in for new subscriptions to the Woman's Journal during this period you may retain 30% for the treasury of your local league. Twelve new subscribers gotten for the Woman's Journal will more than pay State and National dues for ten persons, entitling you to a delegate at the State Meeting.

If you desire to nominate a delegate to the National Convention at Washington, please, if you haven't done so, send me in as soon as possible name and post-office address.

Petitions  
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Last and by no means least, I am ready to mail out to league presidents the petitions to be sent to the next legislature, asking for a suffrage submission bill. I hope that every county league in Kentucky will do her utmost to get every sympathizer in her county to sign these petitions. Please reply on enclosed postal if your league will circulate these petitions. State how many you would like to have: determine that by making an estimate as to about how many persons you can get to circulate these petitions.

Your Board has worked hard to give you an excellent Convention this fall. We are very triumphant to have gotten so unusual a program. Now will you do your part for the suffrage cause and make this Convention an unprecedented success?

Hoping to see you in Lexington, I am

Cordially yours,

Pres.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Enclosure.

Copy of letter to Mrs Judah. Please  
read and send to Mrs. Hutchinson

Sept. 13, 1916.

Mrs. J. B. Judah,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Judah:

I am not surprised, but I have come to the conclusion that the only way ever to get a Finance Chairman of a committee is to be bankrupt. I have certainly done my darndest without results.

Do you know anything, by the way, about Mrs. Lacey? The last prospective Finance Chairman on whom I have wasted reams of paper? I wrote her one time at the Mayo Sanatorium, where I had understood she was with her husband, the letter was returned to me; I sent it to her home address with the same results gotten from former letters sent there - no answer.

We are trying to arrange to get all the Board and speakers entertained, also other delegates. It will be an awful pull I guess, but it is the only way.

We will have no expense for theatre or halls. Our expense for speakers so far is \$100., a flat \$50. for Mrs. Snowden and \$50. for Rosika Schwimmer, the Woman's Club of Lexington paying the other \$50. If Mr. Kennedy comes, I am pretty sure he will pay his own expenses. I have asked him to be my guest. If he brings his wife with him, he will have to have him at the hotel, as I have only one spare room, but still that will be my expense. I wrote Mr. Stilli the minutes our dates were fixed and asked him to telegraph me answer,

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giving me choice of November 9th or 10th. Have a telegram that he can't come. It is too bad. I can never be in time; but if Mr. Kennedy comes, we still have speakers enough.

Please vote me the other \$75. for the plate-page anyway. I just have to get it out. There will be some more county league dues to come in shortly. I have worked hard in several places lately to get them up to the point and surely there will be some results.

Cordially yours,

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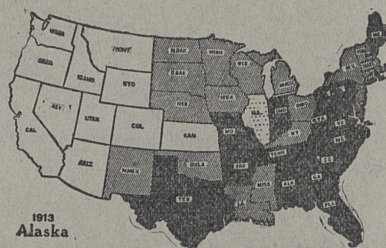
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Lexington, Ky., Sept. 7, 1915.

Dear Madam:

I enclose expense account for the month of August.

Also three columns of plate sent out last week to seventy-five papers in hopes of getting some help on Mrs. Hubbard's job of getting the Democratic Convention to endorse.

I am rather ashamed of these three columns. I will have to admit that they were gotten up as usual in too great a hurry. The newspaper Association did not get out the cut of the suffrage map which I expected to use with them in time, so that the reading matter is very solid.

I have already, however, blocked out a plate page to be issued probably week after next with the suffrage map at the top, cuts of Mrs. Snowden and LaFollette, if we get him for the State Meeting and single column cuts of all members of the Board. This will not give a great deal of reading matter, but we can get in the important things, dates of our Convention and program, special attractions Lexington offers in the way of hospitality and advertisement of the Woman's Journal, action taken by the political parties, etc.

I got three columns at the same rate for which I can get a whole page and therefore decided it was much better business than two columns at a higher rate.

I have already had for a year or so the authorization of the Board for a full page. Having used up half of this authorization now,

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I should like to be authorized over again to get out a page. Please answer on postal. I had thought to use only three columns the next time, but it would be quite impossible to get in the cuts desired in three columns. The cuts certainly make the page attractive and insure its being used as a full page or in bits.

I enclose copy of letter sent out last week to league presidents. You will see from it that only \$10. has been so far contributed towards the Woman's Journal matter. Having authorization of the Board, however, to spend \$25. from the treasury, I send on Saturday the order for trial subscriptions to be sent to all candidates for the legislature and hold-overs whose names and addresses I have so far been able to get hold of. The Journal will start with the first September issue which enables them to get the full four months at their home addresses. I hope to get a complete list in time to send on this week also. Can't you mention it to your suffrage friends that we need contributions for this purpose?

New Jersey has gladly accepted Mrs. Firth's services, Mrs. Hubbard's also if she can go. At the earnest request of the National, I have sent the \$150. voted by the Board for our expenses to the National, they have returned a check for \$100. to me and will send their check for \$50. to Mrs. Firth, thus the National as well as Kentucky gets credit for this help and is able to keep track of the amount of help given the different campaign states. I have already sent on personal contribution of \$50. to Mrs. Judah for this purpose.

I regret to inform you that Mrs. Knollenberg has now decided that she can't work for us any more - after I had gotten Mr. Stilli to give some speeches in the "darkest Africa counties" near Louisville, for which she would be advance agent.

I also regret to inform you that Mrs. ~~Knox~~ ~~Knollenberg~~ DeMoss, who was all engaged and arranged for September 1st even with a pass from Ludlow to Lexington and return in her pocket has gotten sick and indefinitely, or absolutely, I am not sure which, postponed going to work for us.

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Mr. Marsh got a good meeting at Lancaster with Miss Clay as speaker, he is still working in the other counties, but I have no further report of any other meetings, except one or two which he had addressed himself. He seems to be finding the field exceedingly difficult.

I have persuaded Mrs. Firth to put in a good part of this week in Letcher County, where I was invited to send a speaker to the institute, she hopes to get home by Saturday when our motion is to go before the Northern Methodist Conference at Covington. Mrs. Runyan - Miss Van Pelt - was to take her place if a speech was necessary, but there is a chance that illness will prevent. Letters to a number of ministers, however, have been sent and others have been personally interviewed by Mrs. Firth and myself. Some steps have been taken with regard to the Southern Methodist Conference this week, but it has not been so well done. Board members must remember to remind me in time (and give me the person to address) when the Conference is to be of the particular church which each Board member undertook.

I am to speak at the Teachers' Institute at Winchester this week and at the one at Mayslick, Mason County, next week. In both places I have laid the ropes to revive the suffrage leagues if possible, get officers and delegates to Lexington, elected and State dues paid. The sum total of work of this kind accomplished this summer has been deplorably small. Unless we all get out and hustle from now until the November meeting we cannot expect many more delegates than at our last Convention.

Cordially yours,

*M. M<sup>o</sup>. Buckinridge* Pres.

Signed one week later, Sept. 7th.

See enclosed Herald article.

*m.*

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 24th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Breckinridge,

I went to Frankfort Monday on the early train to give a Peace address for the Woman's Club. Came back yesterday and found your letter awaiting me.

I think each petition should have the county written in at the top. It may be desirable to have the post-office address written by each signer; but if the county is plainly written at the top the post-office addresses are not so necessary.

Yes, I should ask the petitions to be returned to your office by the first of January. Impress upon our Leagues that you positively will not present the petition unless you get a sufficient number of names to indicate strength rather than weakness. I think you should not have less than 20000, and 50,000 are not too many to hope for. We have 30000 names in the Federation of WoamNSs Clubs, the Ky. E. R. E. and the W. C. T. U and we ought to have more for a general petition. If you tell the women this at first they cannot complain if you should decide not to present the petition if it fails in enough names.

By all means ask the Federation of Women's Clubs to help. I would also ask the W. C. T. U.; though I do not urge that, if you think it might mix up the issues of prohibition with our Amendeant.

I am glad you are giving Stella a short work day. She has done good work for us, and a little rest will do her good. And as for you, I do hope you will not allow yourself to overwork just because you feel that so much is pressing upon you. Remember there are a few things which no one can do so well as you; and limit youreslf to them and leave other things to others who can do them, even if not quite so well as you.

I am pleased indeed that you have secured Sen. Combs for our Bill. He is just the one, - just where you can keep in constant touch with him.

Unless you know some one whom you think is decidedly a stronger force in the Legislature I think I should stick to Mr. Miller for the House. He has studied the subject, and has his name already connected with the measure. We know his strong points and his weak ones. We might easily do much worse, and it is not sure that we can do better. But that is one of the things I feel you can do so well that I do not wish to give much advice.

After you have got the Petition will started, indeed, after the Legislature is assembled will be time enough, I think it a good idea to send out request for letters, such as we recieved from Madison County, and perhaps from other places last time. Mrs. Bennett showed a card at our Convention which she used for getting letters. The good thing about letters is that every one has its influence, and doesnot require great numbers as the Petition does. But that can be done later, as I say.

I found Elise in good spirits, with many plans on foot. She will have written to you herself, however.

Hoping you will think first of not overtaxing yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I have promised to do some work in W. Virginia, beginning abo ut the 1st of December; so that I shall be out of the State untio l the latter part of December, as I shall go both to Richmond and Washington.

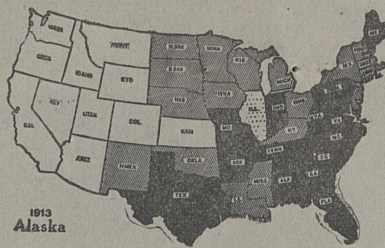
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Lexington, Ky., Nov. 20, 1915.

Dear Miss Laura:

I have had Stella telephone once or twice to see if you were in town and to see if she could do any work for you. Since we got no answer you are <sup>I suppose</sup> ~~of course~~ in Richmond. You will of course, when you are here, call on her and let her come around to your room if that is more convenient whenever you want her. Stella and I have both had to go pretty slow lately and accomplish very little work in a day. If I find that we really are not doing enough for the suffrage cause to justify the expenditure, I will simply have to arrange to bear a just proportion of the expenditure myself or if need be to discontinue.

I want a little advice about the petitions. I am instructing them that they can be signed by men or women, but not by any one under 21 and that signers need to believe only in submission. Should the post-office address follow the signers name or is that unnecessary? I haven't prepared my circular letter to <sup>suff. league</sup> club presidents yet and want to say all that is needful about petitions in this letter. If you are in Lexington shortly I would like you to say what you think of the way we are now contemplating sending them out. In short, I would like any advice you could give us. Shall I say that they must be returned to this office by Jan. 1st, and then we will pub them together? I suggest January 1st because I believe we will get more work done on them

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between Christmas and New Years than before that time. *But perhaps*  
*it's too late.*

Don't you think it a good idea for me to send out a letter to the Federated Club presidents saying that if they or their members will circulate petitions - Mrs. Bartlett approves of this - I will supply the number desired:

I cast the die a few days ago and asked Mr. Tom Combs to present our bill. He is willing to do it and I believe will make a stiff fight for it. My idea is a quick short fight to a finish and not let ourselves get into the hands of the Rules Committee, where the Administration will surely stifle us.

We haven't yet picked the man for the House. Mr. Miller will do it, but was not enthusiastic when last approached and perhaps we could get somebody who did not consider it such an awful sacrifice and would really go further with it. Advice on this point most acceptable.

Cordially yours,

U. UDB.

(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Stella has had a cold + cough for several weeks, since she went on her vacation. I told her she was to be examined as soon as the convention was over, + Monday I sent her to John Scott. He finds there is some intervascular trouble - She is an orphan <sup>T.B.</sup> you know + her father died of it - She is so slight and pale, I think we can take no chances, + I have dreadfully over-worked her - I am sending her home now for the whole afternoon, + am not even over

trying to straighten the office out except  
by degrees - My domestic force is sick, one  
at home, one in the hospital, so I'm  
having to give some time to show the  
strange ones, Maama is not quite so  
well, all the Leg. + State T. B. jobs have  
come at me at once since the Couo.  
+ for several days this week I was  
really sick with a cold ——— so you  
see I can't go very fast myself - Anyway  
I think we owe it to Stella to let her  
have time enough to get well, don't  
you?