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Kentucky Senate,
Twenty Seventh District, Fayette Co.
J. Embury Allen, Lexington.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 25, 1902.

Mrs. Eugenia D. Potts,

185 South Mill Street,
Lexington, Ky.,

My Dear Mrs. Potts:-

Your letter of yesterday has just been received.

By no means have I forgotten the kindness you showed my soldiers in trying to raise a fund for their benefit and I remember well to have said to you I would be glad to return the kindness whenever it might be in my power. I repeat that same statement now but I am obliged to say I considered that a personal matter and a personal obligation not to be repaid or discharged by anything I might do in an official capacity.

Even if I should feel free to ^{act} as I wish in this matter as a return for your kindness I am confronted with the fact, as stated in your letter, that you "alone of all the society women" stood by us notwithstanding the fact that the Lexington militia had time and again assisted and participated in entertainments of various kinds which were gotten up by those same ladies who are now asking my assistance concerning this measure.

It has come to my hearing that these ladies claim or assert that I am against the women of Lexington and have arrayed myself against them.

There is no ground for this statement and, if it was ever made at all it was certainly very unjust. Two years ago, at the solicitation of some of these very same ladies, I devoted the entire two months of the session to the passage of a bill appropriating money for the girls dor-

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mitory of the A. & M. College. It was represented to me that the women students there did not have equal rights and privileges there with the men students. The justice of the claim was apparent to me and I did all I could for the measure and secured its passage after a very long and stubborn fight but not one of those ladies have ever taken the trouble to drop me a line or stop me on the streets to say - "We appreciate your efforts in behalf of the women of the state in securing the dormitory for girls at the State College".

As to the bill in question I must say my mind is fully made up and my honest judgement is that it is best for the schools of Lexington that the bill should pass. I have no desire to do anything against the women of Lexington, I only wish the good of the public schools. My own sister has children in those schools and I know her views in the matter are the same as mine and the same is true of many other mothers who have children in those schools. Many times have I seen my sisters children return home from school crying and in distress because some negro woman or over grown negro girl had pushed them off the sidewalk into the street or, in other ways put indignities upon them and I can not endure the idea ~~of~~ this race of people, who are so easily made arrogant and overbearing, being allowed to control our schools.

You say the reason so many negro women voted last year was because of their "Frantic hatred of Russell". In this I am afraid you are about correct and that very fact is one of the strongest reasons why the right of suffrage should be taken from those people. It shows they were

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not actuated by any desire to help or improve the schools but simply wanted to gratify their hat~~l~~and dislike toward this individual. That class of people who vote to gratify their personal likes and dislikes can not be of any benefit to our electoral system.

Excuse me for writing at such length. I have done so because I entertain the highest respect for your wishes in this matter and want you to understand fully my reasons for not doing as you request.

I regret indeed that anything I may do may deprive you or any intelligent woman of this right and, if you and your friends will suggest a bill which will permit the deserving, intelligent women of Lexington to vote and exclude the ignorant and illiterate class in this matter of school suffrage, I will be only too glad to do all in my power to help pass it and defeat the pending measure.

Very truly yours,

J. Embry Allen.

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Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 30th, 1902.

Mrs. Eugenia D. Potts,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Potts: -

Since the notice appeared in the Herald last Tuesday that I would support an amendment, to Mr. Klair's bill, allowing women to vote subject to certain educational qualifications, I have received so many protests against such an amendment I find I can not support it without ignoring the wishes of ninety percent of the people to whom I feel I owe allegiance as their representative.

At the time I wrote you I believed such an arrangement would be entirely satisfactory with all parties but I find I am very much mistaken. There was no session of the senate yesterday and I spent the day in Lexington for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the opposition to this amendment and I am fully convinced that over ninety percent of the intelligent women who patronize the public schools do not want the right of voting under any circumstances.

I am sorry I did not give this particular phase of the question some investigation before writing to you as I regret to have given you any assurances which I now find I can not carry out.

Remembering I am here purely in a representative capacity I believe I should cast my vote in deference to the wishes of the people I represent whether that be in accord with my own judgement or not and having satisfied myself that the people of Lexington are very largely in favor of the bill as it passed the house, I shall have to support it in that

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form and trust you will be just enough not to expect me to do otherwise under the circumstances.

Very respectfully,

J. Embry Allen.

Recently appointed State
Regent of S. A. S.

Feb 6, 1902

Henderson Bay
139 South Main

My dear Mrs Miller

Your letter came
yesterday and I have
given the subject grave
consideration. I am in
thorough sympathy with
this movement, and firmly
convinced that equal
rights will ultimately
prevail everywhere in
this country, but in re-
gard to the methods of

of hastening this end
I am somewhat at sea
Pioneers in any movement
are surrounded by many
and great difficulties, and
frequently have to try first
one, and then another plan
to insure success, and these
plans must ^{often} be experimen-
tal. I enquired why
the people of Lexington
asked to have the school
board franchise repealed
and was informed that two
~~three~~ ^{three} or many negro women

exercised the right of franchise as white
and practically the board of education
was controlled by negroes. & that is the case
now, I do not think we would better
ourselves, for it seems to me to be infinitely
preferable to have the board controlled by
men than by negroes and a few white
women, and I never believed in slavery.
It is this black cloud that hangs over
the South that prevents its progress in
so many ways, especially in public
enterprise and improvements.

We have a beautiful little park in the
midst of our city, with a fountain,
flowers, seats, &c, and everything to
make it attractive, on which hundreds
of dollars have been expended, but it is
practically given over to the negroes as
they congregate there in large numbers,

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and are ~~disagreeable~~ and
impertinent that very
few white people will
go there. We have a
park near the city of
Sixty acres given by my
Brother in memory of
my Father who took a
great interest in city
affairs. The street cars
run there, and the schools
Sunday school, societies,
We have picnics there,
but whenever white people
have a gathering the

negroes congregate in force
to have a "picnic" too, and
there is trouble and
lately it is not even pleas-
ant to walk there. Then
Mr Carnegie offered to
give twenty five thousand
dollar for a public
Library if the city would
agree to keep it up.
I was very much inter-
ested in getting the
appropriation from the
Council although I knew
it meant quite an addi-

tronal tax, when the taxes are already
very heavy, until I heard of a "gang"
of negroes saying they were going there
"to read all day long," for they had
just as much right there as the
whitest and richest in the land."
So I am afraid we will have to give
up any rights that will give addition-
al rights to the negro. That is why
this idea does not take a greater
hold on southern people. They
must consider the practical working
of it. There are very few who believe
in equal rights here and we would
find great difficulty in getting a crowd.
I could not possibly undertake to engi-
neer this as I do not expect to be at
home at that time, and have more
work on my hands now than I can

possibly get through with
work for the D.A.R. and
other work, which I have
undertaken, and cannot
be put aside. I will
hand your letter to a friend
of mine who thinks as
I do, and see if she can
do anything about it.
If the effect ^{produced} be here as
have understood it to be
in Livingston I fear we
could not do much for
the cause. Please under-
stand me about this, I am

in sympathy with the ^[Feb 6, 1902] movement, but think we must gravely consider the practical working now. That there is a way in which this movement can be made successful I have not a doubt, though at present I do not see it. I know it takes a brave independent woman to go on with this work and I wish you all success.

Cordially Yours
Mary Thomson Cunningham
Feb 6th 1902

Yours truly -
Sincerely yours
Lorise Bentay

Lexington
Feb 4 16th 1902

My Dear Miss Clay:-

In the
rush of our Reception and
other endeavors I have been
unable to send you a per-
sonal word for longer
than I had intended -
Trust that you received
the copy of Leaflet and
also the account of the
Reception which I sent
without delay -

Among others, we found
Mr. Utley most friendly
and at present we are
trying to arrange in ac-
cordance with his advice
to get Mr C. S. Bronston
(who is our warm advocate
again!) to go to Frank-
fort and speak before the
Committee in our behalf -
~~provided~~ repeated delays
can not be accomplished.
We have had such varied
experiences and learned
so many lessons that it

will take a long afternoon
to put ^{you} me in possession
of them when you come
home - In the mean time
we are, in each circum-
stance as it arises, doing
what seems as far as we
can judge, the best, and
for the outcome, we can
only hope. There is no
doubt but that many
of the Representatives
and Senators left-Lex-
with a very much fair-
er, broader view of the

situation than they had
ever had before - We found
but three men who were
impervious to information
or influence - Allen, Clair
and Vanderbilet! -

And we decided early in
the day to waste no am-
munition on them -

(Mr. Blair did not come to
the Reception.) -

So many of the Members
had never read either
Memorial or Leaflet that
we are now having both
reprinted in one leaflet

is practical and in every
way desirable now. There
is a meeting of the Ex. Com.
with many influential
Social and Club Women
to-morrow at 11 o'clock to
decide positively what can
be done. I will let you know
when any thing is settled.
Mrs Potts sent me Sen. Allen's
two letters to her, to read
to the Committee, also Miss
Clouds account which I
will attend to as soon as
this rush is over. - The Com

has employed a young man to get from the Registration books the statistics of the last seven years so that we may be in a position to give our statements with precision and certainly in any future Campaign. I wish we could have some one person whose business it is to keep a clear record of statistics and all facts of interest bearing on our suffrage movement here - its struggles and

(I trust) its ultimate success. Does it not seem to you a good idea? If you have time when you write let me know your idea on the subject - Mrs Beckenridge and Mrs Bwark are our workers, with Mrs Short deeply interested just now in the plan of the reception and trip to Frankfurt. - though she says she may have to drop it all at the critical minute and go to Cincinnati! Then Mrs B. Nurse

and your Secretary will
feel very small indeed -
(Not being Society Women)
Mrs Short and Miss Steven-
son immediately said they
would pay for the leaflets,
as they had heartily ap-
proved of them from the
first - I think there is no-
thing further of interest to
tell you just now - Will keep
you informed as far as I can.

Hoping this severe weather
has not caught you at a
disadvantage and that I
may have some successes to re-

est sum of \$5.00 —
Thinking to be better e-
quipped for future con-
tests we are having it done
while we have the money!
Pardon this paper, it is the
last half sheet in the
house — Mrs Breckinridge
and Mrs Short have done
grand work for us in ^{every} way
Though I think Mrs Steven-
son and Mrs Norton were
our strong cards at the
Reception — Your executive
Committee retired to the Cu-
linary department — tempo-
rarily — Do write when time

and will send them down
to the Senators by mail
individually, many of
them by request.

We were so fortunate as
to pay every expense of the
Reception (\$113.00) and
have about fifteen dollars
free. We have been fortun-
ate enough to find a
competent young man
who is making a complete
list of the Woman's Reg-
istration for the whole
seven years for the mod-

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Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 24, 1902.

Mrs. Henry Bewlay,

77 North Broadway, Lexington, Ky ,

Mrs. Bewlay:-

Miss Laura Clay asked me to advise you of the time when the committee would take up the Klair Bill ^{relating to} woman suffrage in school elections in cities of the second class and I promised her I would do so.

The committee met however without notice to me and reported on the bill and I knew nothing about the meeting of the committee until I heard the bill reported to the Senate.

However I wish to keep my word with Miss Clay and, if any of the ladies of Lexington wish a hearing before the committee, I will get the committee to take the bill up again and, if necessary, will withdraw it from the orders of the day for that purpose. There is no desire on the part of any one to cut off a full hearing on the bill and I regret that any action was taken until a full opportunity had been given to any persons who might have desired to be heard.

Will you advise me if you know of any one who wishes to be heard and suggest the time that will suit. I would suggest that some day this week be selected - say Friday at three O'clock - as I would not like to have the bill delayed longer than that.

Let me hear from you soon as you can.

Very respectfully,

J. Embry Allen.

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Let Labor boldly walk abroad
And take its place with kings.
For who has labored more than God,
The maker of all things?

Chicago, March 26. 1902

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington, Ky.
Dear Madam:

The passing of a bill
in your Legislature, repealing
school suffrage for woman,
should be the commencement
of very active work, by the
boardman of your state, in
arousing the true american
spirit of independence, in
every member of Kentucky's
great Commonwealth. American
citizens are entitled to equal
civil and political rights
and the times are rapidly
approaching, when the woman
of our land, who have nobly
helped and done their share,
to make this republic, what
it is to day, will have the
right,

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Chicago,

not only to vote at school
elections but at municipal
state and national elections
as well. With best regards
for the cause hoping for
you to stay on the firing
line and not get discouraged
I am

Very Respectfully
Yours
F. Kehler
Pres. N. A. of A. L.

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715 Masonic Temple, Mar. 28th, 1902.

Miss Laura Clay,

81 Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Some time ago I saw a newspaper report that your legislature had disgraced itself by passing a bill taking school suffrage away from women. I hope the Governor vetoed the bill. If not please accept my sincere sympathy for the women of Kentucky. I trust that the next session of the legislature will give you school suffrage again with flying colors.

I shall never forget the pleasant days we spent together at Washington. You were very good and kind and patient with me.

At a meeting of the St. Paul Political Equality Club the presiding officer made me think so much of you that I said to her laughingly after the meeting, "How long since you moved from Kentucky and what relation are you to Laura Clay?" She was astonished for it happened that she had come from Kentucky and is a distant relative of yours. Her name is Mrs. W. E. Rogers, 284 So. Exchange, St. Paul. She is a cultured and delightful woman of high standing in St. Paul society. The reporters immediately grow respectful when they know that Mrs. Rogers is connected with the suffrage club there.

If you ever have time to write me I will be glad to hear from you, but shall not expect you to burden yourself knowing how busy you are,

Cordially yours,

Cora Smith Eaton

Fleetwood

Frankfort Ky

Aug 23rd 1902

My Dear Laura

In reply to yours of
16th I would say that the

net amt to be distributed
was \$20,598.65 Aunt Mary

1/8 was \$2,574.83

I paid for bills & costs for her \$98.65

Aug 1897 but her check 1496.18

Jan 1902 paid M. B. Clay 250.00

Balance in my hands \$ 750
2574.83

With regard to my sending
you notice re for this balance
I could not see how this could
be done as you know there
is an order of the Court

as Phila - where they will go
to Atlantic City - where I
will join them after a
week in New York. Aunt
Helen Biddle and her
daughters are there and so
the circle soon be slightly en-
larged. I cannot expect
to see ^{her} many more times. She
is my well known &
her letters are as full
of interest as ever.

Christina has not quite
up and I hope the sea
air will help her. While
in some way our prisoners

must which secures the
payment to you - This is
better than any rule or
regulation. But I intend
as soon as I come back
from the East (in which
I will have next week
to be gone about three
weeks) to make in some
way a final settlement
of this whole matter.

I go to New York with
my colts to sell them
and expect Mark & his
- Ann - to go with me as far

by prison ork another had a
terrible time. Her eyes out
free swollen first recognition
the terrible burning and
itching. for which she found
no relief although she
tried every thing she could hear
of or the Doctors suggest

I am indebted to him of
Sabney misfortune is rather
mistake. I do hope he is
nervous - and her careful
watchful physician. It
was from just such an
accident that Ben List
lost his life for want of
watchfulness on the part of
his Doctor. I will be
from the the love Yours off Helen Farlton

[Aug 29, 1902]

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Miss Clay,

Last night I was
reading aloud to Mr.
Greenleaf Henry Clay's
speech upon the Wilmar
Proviso, and I was so
enthused by the true
patriotic ring of its-

What you deem right and best
for your Country, you simply
cannot help such a course, and
be true to the flood in your
veins. What would I not give
to be able to hear those noble
words spoken by those eloquent
lips! How your heart must throb
to think of the work done by
Mr. Clay, when the struggle of life

lofty sentiment, so stirred
to freshen and higher love
for this Country and
its glorious possibilities,
by its burning eloquence,
that I exclaimed that
I must write you, and
tell you I had found
the key to your steadfastness
of purpose, your fearlessness
of expense, your love of

was upon him, in his age and
feebleness, not seeking his own
ease. Which he had certainly earned,
but steadfast to his conception of
right, battling to the end.

Craving pardon for this
informal note, with kindest
regards. I am

Most sincerely yours

August the twenty ninth year B. G. Munroe
Nineteen hundred-two

Baltimore, January 6, 1905.

1631 Eutaw Place.

Dear Miss Clay,

The Baltimore Woman Suffrage Association, desires to hold a meeting, February 9th., a day preceeding the National Convention at Washington. We would like very much to have you take part in the program, and if you can come this way a day or two sooner, we will pay the board bill and any extra car fare expense. Baltimore is within forty-five minutes ride of Washington, so we think this is an admirable chance to do good suffrage work and to introduce some of our fine women to Baltimorans. We purpose to have an afternoon and night program and have as many women take part as it is possible for us to secure.

We hope you will give this kind consideration, and if possible, give us an answer in the affirmative. Let us hear from you at your earliest convenience as it is necessary to know shortly our prospects that we may engage hall and make arrangements for meeting, the time is short.

Yours very truly,

M. Emma Maddox Finch

President, Balto. Woman Suffrage Club.

We gratefully remember your address made
two years since - and know your name and
presence will help us much - if you can arrange
to come -

Jan. 10th 1903.

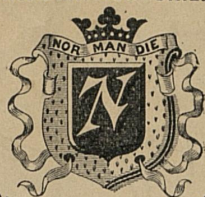
Richmond, Ky.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt
of thirty-six (\$36⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars from
Laura Clay, the payment of
an order on her or Joe Grunzig-
liani for that amount, given me
by C. M. Clay, Sr. of date Jan. 10th,
1903,

Richard (X) Hunter, his mark

Richard Hunter,
B36 ^{CD}/₁₁
Jan. 10th ₁₁ 1903.

HOTEL NORMANDIE
BROADWAY & 38TH STREET



CHAS. A. ATKINS & CO.
PROPRIETORS.

New York. July 28 1913

Dear Miss Clay

I am sending
you my book "Repub-
lics vs Woman". I
shall be grateful in-
deed if you will get the
Lexington papers (as
many elsewhere as pos-
sible) to review the
book. My purpose
in publishing it is to
arouse not only the

self respect but the sex
respect of women.

The leading suffragists
have always tried to
persuade our legislators
that the founders
of the U.S. Republic meant
to include women
as units of power in
the government. As you
know they have met
with little, I may say, no
success (until an amend-
ment is added to the U.S.
Constitution ^{securing women in rights} the ballot-
is absolutely useless &
its use means little
or nothing. I agree in my
book with the U.S. Supreme
Court & with American men
generally, that the founders
had no intention to

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BROADWAY & 38TH STREET



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include
women as units of power
in the Republic, by
doing this ^{our} men (our
rulers) are put on the
defensive. It is now
up to them. If
suffragists will take
my attitude I say
that the U.S. Republic
was intended simply
as a despotism for
women, our men

[Feb 28, 1903]

will soon try to
convince us we
are mistaken, Try
it - & see if I am
not right

Mother will be at
New Orleans. I shall
be in Europe then.
With many kind
regards to you, your
sister, & Mrs Durham

I remain

Yrs very cordially

Karl T. Worley

I have written out my
resignation from the
Daughters of the American Revolu-
tion - my sex alone prompted

President,
MRS. MAY R. PATTERSON,
Lancaster.

Vice-Prest.,
MRS. SARAH A. CORRINGTON,
Nicholasville.

Corresp'g Secty.,
MRS. LUDIE DAY PICKETT,
Wilmore.

Treasurer,
MRS. LAURA FEE EMBREE,
Berea.

National Motto:—For God, Home
and Every Land.

District Motto:—Do Good, According
To A Plan.

State Motto:—Standing, Having Done
all, Stand.

Kentucky Womans Christian Temperance Union.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Time of Prayer: Noontide. Badge: A Knot of White Ribbon, Methods: Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic, Social, Legal. Watchwords: Agitate, Educate, Organize.

Lancaster, Ky March 11 1903.

My dear Miss Clay:—

I enclose checks for \$2.10, to pay on six members of the Lancaster Union as follows.

Mrs. W. O. Bradley, Mrs. Gertrude Embury, Miss Amanda Andersen, Mrs. May R. Patterson, Mr. E. M. Patterson, Dr. J. B. Huieaird.

I send to you, as I cannot at this minute recall Mrs. Shepard's street and number, and I thought as time was very short, it might be better to send direct to you, and you would know what to do with it.

I am very sorry to tell you that Mr. Patterson feels compelled to leave home next week, and I shall be compelled to give up my trip until he returns. I have always had my heart set on attending a Natl Suffrage Convention, and it will be a bitter disappointment to have to give this up, especially when I so soon expect to pass thro' New Orleans, — but business before pleasure.

I shall be glad now, and plan on the one

for next year, and hope Miss Auctioneer's life may
be spared that long, if for no other reason than
that I may see her.

Wishing you a very successful Convention, and
again regretting that I cannot meet with you
and the others there, I am

Sincerely yours

May R. Patterson.

Sent the check enclosed to Mrs. Shepard Apr. 14th 1903,

Office of
The Woman's Journal,
No. 3 Park Street.

Boston, Mass., Apr 13 1903

Dear Miss Clay

I feel very anxious that
the utmost possible effort be
made to get the Alabama
Legislature which meets
next September for a short
period of a few weeks, to
enact a law enabling women
who pay taxes to vote for the
Presidential electors in 1904.
To make it more certain that
~~Alabama~~ women will
not be obliged to come in contact
with rough men at the polls,
it may be provided that they
shall vote at separate boxes
& be counted separately.

Now Miss Griffin² is the only
woman well known, who is
in Alabama ready & willing
to work the matter up.
According to her own ac-
count she is a personal
friend of Senator Morgan,
himself a woman suffragist,
and has numerous former
pupils scattered over the
State who are personally
her friends & can be
made co workers. The
Alabama Legislature will
not meet again for four
years. It is a golden
opportunity not to be lost.

I myself feel so strongly
the importance of urging
Presidential suffrage and
discouraging the premature
submission of State Constitutional
Amendments, that I
would like to see all the

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money and work at the disposal of the Business Committee this year employed in working up Presidential Suffrage hearings before such Legislatures as will meet between now and the Presidential election of 1904, except what is used in the Territories or States west of the Missouri river.

You took part in the Legislative Hearing at Annapolis two years ago, and saw the effect produced by your own & the other addresses. My idea would be to have a similar hearing before the body of each

Legislature, ^{addressed} by half a dozen
speakers representing the National
American & State Suffrage Societies.

Think it not be well to try to
secure the aid of Miss Etta Maddux,
the young Maryland lawyer, who
showed such courage and tact in
working her own affair to a suc-
cessful conclusion? I don't
believe that the Alabama Legisla-
ture are a bit more prejudiced
against woman suffrage than that
conservative body of Maryland
lawyers was against women
lawyers. Let the hearing bring
them to our side!

Another woman, whose help would
be very valuable, is "Dorothy Dix," who
impressed me at New Orleans as
a very prepossessing and able speaker.
Mrs Bradford of Colorado (a democrat)
would admirably represent the four
Suffrage States. Mrs Buck of Mississippi.

Belle Kearney of Alabama, yourself

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of course, Misses Kate & Jean
Gordon, Mrs Merrick, and
if possible Senator Morgan - Miss
Griffin of course would lead off.

If Mrs Catt, as president of the
NA WSA, could take part, so
much the better. I have not
examined the political almanaco,
but we know that three Southern
^{Legislatures} States at least will convene
before the Presidential election, -
viz Alabama in September, Mississippi
the following January, and Louisiana
~~in~~ in the summer immediately
preceding the Presidential election.
These should be petitioned & addressed
with the hope & expectation of succeeding,
and with all the force at our command.
Let us not ~~not~~ spend our efforts on

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battlefields where failure is a
pregnant conclusion as in demands
for a 16th Amendment at Washington,
and for a 2/3 majority in N. Hampshire.

The conditions in the extreme
South are unique. There is there no
conflict of national parties - the
Democratic party is in absolute con-
trol - Everyone knows that every
woman's vote, be they few or
many, will swell the Democratic
majority - There will be no conflict
upon candidates since only the Presi-
dential electors will be voted for by the
women - The women's votes will
fortify and ensure "white supremacy".
Above all, this measure taken by the
South will divide Northern Republicans
and become an affirmative Democratic
issue in which all the forces of civilization
& good government will be on the Southern
side. No personal jealousies of conflict-
ing parties or candidates, no temperance
or prohibition issue will be involved. It
will be simply an object-lesson and a
test of woman's willingness to vote on
a great national issue.

What I want is, first of all, to put

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Miss Griffin in funds. & set her to work at once. And second, that we appreciate the importance of this coming year's work in the State Legislatures for Presidential suffrage—the only suffrage that does not require a referendum to the voters—the only suffrage which every State Legislature is free to grant.

Not the least of the gains we have made by our recent Presidential suffrage campaign in Kansas, is the publication of the opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court delivered by Chief Justice Fuller (a Southern man I think) on the Michigan Case. The principle therein definitely stated and affirmed is that the power of every State Legislature as to the method of appointing the Presidential electors is

supreme and plenary, and as
such cannot be changed, abridged,
or controlled by State ~~Legs~~ or
national legislation. I enclose
a copy for your careful consider-
ation.

I should like to place in the hands
of every legislator ^{the} enclosed
leaflets:

- 1 Pierce's legal argument
- 2 My own Pres. Suffr Report
- 3 Chief Justice U.S. Fuller's decision
- 4 Progress of Woman Suffrage
- 5 Testimony of Wyoming & Colorado
- 6 Test of Experiment

These seem to be conclusive & to
cover the whole ground.

I have sent a similar letter today
to Mrs. Coatt - I have also written
to Miss Kate Gordon and to
Miss Griffin -

Hoping you will go to the
Southern Legislatures, even if you
go alone, & that you will help me
put this thing through. I am your friend
Henry B. Blackwell

461 Milledge ave,
Athens, Ga. 5/16th 03

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky -

Dear Cousin

Wishing

to ascertain as to the exact whereabouts of late Tom Burr grandson of Thomas Burr, ~~son~~ I believe. Do you know any thing about him? Senator Jas B. Lee Creary has written to me for such an information.

The Burr claim money from the U. S. Government will be paid soon I think.

Can you send me a copy of

the Burr Ancestors Mrs Amelia
Burr the author, says her husband's
ancestors came from Scotland.

Ours (the Burrs) came from
the northern part of Ireland.

Have not heard any thing
from any of you in Lexington
since my mother's death.

Is Cousin Mary D. Clay still alive
her sister brother Geo W. Eccles,
(Hydra) is at Bay side, Queens
County, N. Y.

Hoping to have pleasure of hear-
ing from you soon

Sincerely yours,

P. P. Lawrence

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OFFICE OF FIRST AUDITOR, LEXINGTON, KY.

May 7th, 1903.

Miss Laura S. Bruce,

My Dear Laura:-

I have just received your letter and learn that you are going to stay away still longer, just when I have been telling your many inquiring friends that I was looking for you every day.

Miss Nuckols and I are so pleased with the type-writer we are renting, that I am going to send you a specimen of its work.

I have been sending out letters with my new Committee leaflet to so many of ~~the~~ State officers, that we could not write them all by hand. I enclose you one of the leaflets.

If you do not hurry back, somebody else will take the banner from you for getting in new members. Miss Herndon has brought in her sister, Mrs. Morgan, and Mrs. George Ranck, and I have gotten Mrs. Oldham and Prof. Loos.

Mrs. Gratz has sent in dues for ninety members for 1902 to the State Treasurer. It will be a job for us to double that membership, but I want it done.

I am afraid that you will miss Miss Jane Addams' lecture for the Civic League on May 14. I joined the Civic League, and was immediately given six tickets to sell for the lecture, an exercise I did not at all like; but I have sold mine, and also six for you, because I knew that you wanted to keep up with all the duties of the Civic League. But I really supposed that you would have been back at home in time to sell some for your self.

I forwarded to you, this morning, a letter that came for you, *a foreign letter.* I never saw greater general distress than at Mary Short's death. She spent an hour with Mrs. Wickliffe the very morning before she was taken sick, and in less than two weeks she was buried. Mrs. Wickliffe, actually grieved herself sick over her loss, and every where there has been general sorrow.

I suppose you have seen Walter Bronson's tragic death in the papers. He seems to have had a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Worley and Marian came to spend a week just after you left, and both of them are looking very well. Marian's severe headaches have left her since she got into a lower altitude. Mrs. Worley has come in once or twice for a little while. They both regretted not seeing you.

Don't stay away too long.

Yours, affectionately,

Laura Clay.

(Dictated)

*P. S. Mrs. Wickliffe sends love.
L. C.*

29 am out
my European
trip because
my Doctor
could
not go.

Friday SoCal
May 13th
1903

My dear Sichi-Lann

I was delighted
to get a letter from you
and my Doctor was
much interested in
having me read it to
him! I know that I
have brought along
Public Opinion mightily
in So. Cal. - and I would
be too glad to see the
way to make & keep alive
an organization. Person-
ally my physical limit
claims I will not permit
me to go around organi-
zing. I just can't stand
it - it means being ill.

I went to Columbia to attend the
Federation of Women's Clubs. I merely
was present at one session
when I made the speech you saw
in last week's Woman's Journal
but the night before I received as
much attention at the grand
Reception as Mrs. Porsild
Patterson herself. It really was
the homage of the women to a
leader of public thought.

With dear sister's love I
love you and respect you.

But when it comes to
writing I can do any
amount of that - its easier
than to read. I thought
I had got hold of an
invaluable helpmate in
Claudia Fraser, but she
did not amount to an
irony pins. - neither did
Harriet Mannillo, who
ran away & got married
last fall! - and that
was the last of her doing
anything for suffrage.

I work constantly through
the Press to improve
public opinion and have
really wrought a revolution
that way. I can tell by
the attitude of women
towards myself. When

splendid practical sense -
and therefore if you will
indicate a plan which I
can adopt for organizing the
State without having to trouble
myself I'll be most happy to
follow your advice.

I wonder if you could object
to my sending you my paper -
The Fairfax Interceptor. You
could then see how I work.

I am lovingly & faithfully
Virginia D. Goss

732 Monroe St.,
Montgomery, Ala.
May 25 - 1903.

My dear Miss Clay:

I thank
you for your letter & the leaflets
enclosed.

I am sure the Business
Committee has made no great
mistake in dividing expenses
with me, for if this work is
not their concern entirely, then
half of it is, anyhow.

They waited so long to
decide what I had given it
over, had turned my mind
to another plan, intending
to tackle the Legislature
with some

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broun Haratius to help me
when the crucial hour
arrived. Mr. Blackwell
sent me \$30.00, and I have
put in some work with that
at intervals, as my time
permitted. —

Your suggestions for
increase of Membership
are good. The point of
leaving them to meet but
once in the year, to transact
all the business at that
meeting, is well put, and
will gain favor with many
busy women. I am going to try
it on a rally here, before
long. —

I hope you'll keep us in
your mind as we meander
along the rough places ahead
of us.

Very faithfully,

Frances Griffin

Before Bruce death
(1903)

The Shoreham
June 5th

Dear fellow Sojourner

I was pleased
and also, proud to get-
your epistle written
by the side of the Sea
for it was proof that-
you had not forgotten
your former compan-
-ion who recalls with
pleasure the days and
the nights when we
held gentle converse
and varied the hours,
by a little game which
was agreeable if not-
financially profitable
I never even by chance

meet the General who in my opinion
is a gay deceiver and very unreliable
full of promise, but powerful forgetful
I am glad to know that you are well
established for the summer and are
where you like to be. The plan for my
outing has not yet taken definite form
as I have not ceased to hope that fate
will yet provide me a companion to
cross the ocean with and go where
my heart already is. Should I not leave
my native land. Saratoga will be
honored by my presence but only for
a short visit as most of my old cronies
of former years have either passed over
the dark river or sought other places
for their summer sojourn and I shall
find the time dull all alone. This
Hotel is down to its midsummer,
contingent and tomorrow the remaining
few will depart. The weather has been
lovely and the town is looking its
best really one ought to be content to
stay until August here and if the
house were not so deadly dull I

would not hurry away. I thank you for
wishing to see me at The Marlborough
but I do not care for Atlantic City in
excursion time which would be just
when I could be there. Your daughter
Miss Bruce I enjoyed one time last winter
as she is intelligent, cheerful and traveled,
all three requisites go to make a charming
woman. Give her my kind remembrances
and please Lady let me hear from
you again when you can lay down the
cards long enough to take up a pen. Mrs
Kellogg is improved but still confined
to her chair and I fear will never be able
to leave it. With love yours Mary H. Eddy

No. 1104, East 10th Street,

Grand Crossing Station,

Chicago, Illinois.

July 30, 1903.

Miss Lillian Bley,
Lexington, Ky.

I am and have been a great admirer
of your father, ever since I heard him speak
for Henry Clay, in my native town of
Cazenovia, Madison County, New York, and
it would afford me great pleasure to have
some memento of him, a photograph, his
relics, or something of the kind.

Yours truly,

E. J. Dean.

[Sept 7, 1903]

191 H. Mill Street.

My dear Laura,
Your letter
rec'd with check for one
dollar - I paid Mrs Gratz
50^{cts} and myself ten cents
out of it, and return the
rest in stamps, twenty cents
of these belong to me - I
promised to give you this
amount for "The Progress"
a lot of subscribers you

sum - I promised you for E-R-A, there
has been so many unexpected expenses
this year - that it has been hard
work to make "both ends meet",
Insurances, vacancies and repairs
have fallen heavily on me - I spent
over \$400.00 repairing the W. S. Street
"mansion" - My solution of the puzzle
in "Ladies' Home Journal" - No. Ocean
Drive - 2, Newport 3 Bar Harbor - 4 Old
Orchard Beach 5 Santa Catalina Island

intended making up for this
little paper. You will be
glad to know that I have
rented my Chestnut St.
residence, to a reliable tenant
at \$30⁰⁰ per month for a
year or longer. My restaurant
on N. 4th St. is also rented,
now, all my hands are
occupied, and I hope will
remain so, for a long time,
In October I will send you
a check for the \$20⁰⁰ the

6 White Sulphur Springs, Saratoga,
S. Chautauqua, & Monticello
10 Long Branch - At the last
mentioned place - I think ^{predecessor}
Saunders died, so he is the
subject of the little article
I sent two months - No! - I should
say - 4. Mandan Beach -
S. Monticello, About the end of
the month I hope to leave
here for a little visit home,
Mrs. Duckhoff has no servant
this week - and I am going out
for my meals, sometimes, I do
not enjoy doing, Amanda Smith

met Anne Chenshaw on the train.
Said, she looked so well - and
had such attractive children -
Kindly remember me to her, Miss
Mary Hamilton - is now here, looking
"the picture of health" - Can do
much love to you - She enclosed
receipt Mrs. Gray intended to
make out for me - do not look her
mistake, when are you coming
to see? With kindest
regards to all -

Yrs
Laura L. Pierce
Sept. 1882

OFFICE OF
M. KAUFMAN,
CITY TREASURER.

LEXINGTON, KY.

Sept 10 1903.

Miss Laura Clay.,
White Hall, Ky.

Dear Madam - I enclose receipt for
December half of 1903 tax, also two
assessment blanks for 1904.

I am advised, you are, constructively,
a citizen of Lexington and your assess-
ment should be given to the County
of Fayette and the city of Lexington.

Respectfully,

M Kaufman Treas.
per V. K.

Harrodsburg Ky
Sept 10 1893

Dear Miss Clay.

I have received several letters lately urging (or asking me rather) to do what I could to advance the cause by getting new members and having a meeting. I have resided between Frankfort and Harrodsburg ever since the first of April on account of the serious illness of my father. Have really been here the whole of the time except about 6 or 8 weeks. He is now in a very weakened condition and the Dr. gives no

hope at all of his recovery.
Says he may live ~~a few~~
weeks and may leave us
any day. I know that
you realize the heart-
aches I am having and
can truly sympathize with
me. I wish you could go
to Frankfurt and get the
members together - it would
probably arouse a little
interest, and let them
choose a Pres. that can
at least keep them interested.
It will be impossible for
me to meet with them
even for many months -
or to give any interest
or time to it. Cousin Nellie
Kundoru sent me word she

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had gotten two new members
but I don't even know
who they are.

I received your letter
written before the meeting
of Chatanga but was there
and could do nothing about
seeing the members. I feel
now that the 1st of Sep.
is upon us again, if we
ever have a meeting in
Frankfort, this is the time
but I cannot meet with
them. If I can quietly do
anything at home to
help the cause please
call upon me. If you
should feel like writing
to me, you can address
either Frankfort or Harrodsburg.

and it will be forwarded
to me, as I cannot tell
how long I will be here.

Yours Truly
Mrs Harriet Arvill.

SHERIFF'S TICKET OR NOTICE TO WITNESS.

CLIMAX PRINT.

Edw. R. McChesney Plaintiff,

AGAINST

Prabhaty Will or will Defendant.

Notice.

Main Luna Clegg

You are hereby commanded to appear
and testify as a witness in behalf of *Prabhaty Will or will* on the *12* day of the

Oct Term of the Madison *County* Court, 190*3*

Court commences on *2* Monday.

You will be subjected to attachment and a fine for
failure to be in Court at 9 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN F. WAGERS, Sheriff.

Miss Laura Clay

WM. ADAMS & SON,
MARBLE AND GRANITE
MONUMENTS,

42 NORTH BROADWAY,
LEXINGTON KY.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 19, 1903.

Mrs. S. Dabney Crenshaw,
Richmond, Ky..

Dear Madam:-

Referring to the grave markers, regarding which we have been in correspondence, would say that if you desire markers lettered with the name in full, they should be at least 1.10 or 2.0 in width, in order to have the letters distinct and satisfactory. Such a name, in a round letter on a small marker, we scarcely think would be legible.

The pattern we sent you, which was the same size as the marker at your mother's grave, would not accomodate an inscription as we now understand you desire. Below we give you a model of the style of inscription that could be cut on a marker of either of the sizes mentioned above. The price would be \$35.00 and \$40.00 each. You will notice that this model has the year, month, and day; while the one we sent you in our last letter had simply the two years.

We think that there is less risk in getting the stones too large, than in having them too small; especially as it is always desirable to have

WM. ADAMS & SON,

MARBLE AND GRANITE

MONUMENTS,

42 NORTH BROADWAY,
LEXINGTON KY.

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the lettering on a marker plain, and readable.

Very respectfully,

Wm Adams & Son

Cassius M. Clay, Jr.

July 10, 1840

Aug. 16, 1854

Cassius M. Clay Jr
July 10, 1840 - Aug 16, 1854

Warfield Clay

May 18th - 1835 - July 30 - 1852

Cassius M. Clay Jr.

Aug 7 - 1843 - Nov 24 - 1843

Cassius M. Clay Jr.

Jan 27 - 1843 - April 30 - 1857

F. Lora Clay

Oct - 1851 - Aug 3 - 1852

Wyoming N.Y. Oct. 21 1903

My dear Miss Clay:

It would delight me immeasurably were I able to attend the annual convention at Covington, but it will be impossible. I expect to remain here until early in November and then go to Chicago. For a few days last week, I did think I might go directly to Anchorage, Kentucky, but plans have changed. I shall hope to write the letter which you suggest, to the convention.

You will not give me credit for great earnestness in the matter, (though I really am,) when I say that I had lost sight of the fact that I am Superintendent of Literature. I become more and more interested in the work every day and am convinced that the majority of good people who are now indifferent, or opposed, have not really considered the subject. I met a very excellent ^{orthodox} minister a few days ago, lovable in character, intending to be just; yet when I began to talk with him on the subject of woman's political equality with men, he was ready to ridicule the idea. ~~He is an orthodox minister.~~ After a little while he seemed to consider the subject with a great deal of interest and as if it were of much consequence, and I have great hope that he ~~may~~ will be, if he is not already, a convert to the cause!

Our political equality club here exhilarates me. It was organized three years ago with thirty-two members. Now we have eighty, of whom eighteen are men. So much interested and earnest in the work of studying political conditions are they ^(the ladies) that they have had their regular meetings through the summer instead of having a vacation.

+ He said, "I am an Englishman + would not inflict such duties on women"

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We barely escaped a visit from Miss Shaw a few days ago and we hope to have Miss Anthony for a few days next week. It seems to me that we women have everything to encourage us, almost everything, - even Dr. Lyman Abbott's utterances will help on the good cause!

You know, my dear Miss Clay that I ride ~~many~~ other hobbies than political equality! Political questions generally interest me immeasurably. I have forgotten whether I sent you a pamphlet on the Isthmian Canal favoring the Nicaragua route.† We women can not afford to take one political question and help carry it through and then go back and pick up others. We must take them all along as we go. We have only one life to live and we wish to accomplish the most possible in our time.

Many years ago Hon. David Dudley Field said: "Six problems are before the American people: honest government, woman's suffrage, the negro race, the rights of labor, the government of cities and the government of corporations." All these questions are before us to-day, more emphatic than when uttered, and to them as many more are added. I still believe that the money question, which controls both our political parties, underlies our imperial and other adverse conditions. ~~Then~~ a very important question is the single tax; the election of senators by popular vote; government ownership and control of public utilities; profit-sharing in business; capital punishment. The trusts seem to be the outcome of everything else. It really seems to me that there never has been so much work for women to do and for the men as well.

I had a delightful letter from Mrs. Farmer not long ago. You probably know that she is living in St. Paul, Minn.; I received recently from Mrs. Josephine K. Henry the address of our dear friend Mrs. Sawyer whom I have not yet had time to write. I become busier and busier as the days go by!

† I see by reference to my list, that I did not - I send to-day.

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I have not had time to read the marked passages which you have sent me.
I shall do so very carefully.

Hoping that you are well, I am

Sincerely and affectionately

Susan Look Avery.

Friday morning, 23rd Mrs. S. H. Sawyer's address is 432 14th St.
N. W. Washⁱⁿ D. C. I am told that she is entirely dependent
on her own efforts ~~since~~ to obtain a position in the
Philippine Census Bureau.

S. L. A.

Weymouth, N.Y. Nov-2nd-1903.

My dear Miss Clay,

I have written the enclosed & submit it to you to have it read, or not, as you please.

I cannot quite like the idea of having an organization obtained for their names & their money - without their hearts ~~without~~ ^{with} earnest conviction of the righteousness, the wisdom & the need of the movement & of earnest work for it. Soldiers who are not patriots do not give strength to an army - any more than do church members who are not Christians give strength to a church. To my mind the objection or criticism of want of numbers, is a subterfuge

& not worth considering in
comparison with having an
organization of those who are
not enough in earnest to be wil-
ling to speak & work for season
& out for the cause of moral-
ity & religion.

I recognize myself as a "con-
stitutional objector"! which
I think you will consider me.

I regard our cause as worthy
the Crusaders of old.

I may be "smoking Coats to
Newcastle" by inclosing Mr.
Harrison's leaflet. I have only
recently seen it & it seems to me
logical, forcible & excellent.

I leave to-morrow for Anchor-
age, where I expect to remain a
few weeks before going to Chicago.
To save myself trouble, I impose on
you this bill for dues.

Sincerely Susan Look Avery.

Adair Place, Ky -

Nov. 4th 1903 -

Miss Laura M. Lay - Lexington, Ky -

Dear Friend,

We are just now making preparation for our usual trip South, hoping to get off some time in early December, and cannot therefore avail ourselves of the honor and pleasure you mention in recent favors. You know pretty well how long it takes the average woman to "round up" the thousand and one details of such an undertaking. To me they are simply inappreciable and in many cases superfluous and unnecessary, but being in a sad minority under my own roof-tree, I must needs allow events and the "head of the house" to shape

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themselves as a merciful Providence directs.

It is a matter of keen regret, mixed largely with bitterness, that I cannot inform you of any definite progress along the lines of your cherished reform. Indeed, I may state, that this section of the State, and particularly the vicinity of old Harrodsburg, presents the most insensible and unimpassioned field for proselytism. People who are indifferent, or disinclined to listen to Anna Shaw are not likely to open their ears or purse strings to smaller prophets. We have had in the past six months quite a variety of entertainments, and, most notably, two great fairs and a tent meeting, the supplementary and patriotic excitement of our

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fall elections on yesterday ending
the proscribed carnivals until I was,
I hope - I attended none of these occa-
sions, Miss Lloy, for the reason that
I could feel no interest in them, but
hearing of them, and the crowds
that every day for weeks, eagerly
thronged the streets, taking in the
cheap and garish novelties of youthful
fakir and mountebank, I have
concluded that Mercer county is a
mighty poor place to advocate the
"eternal verities" - We cannot impress
the masses without first reaching the
so called, educated? and cultured?
and refined? classes, can we?

Well, they just won't listen to anything
that does not concern their club life
and all sort of fads and frivolities -
They have their little circles & coteries

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of literary and musical and art and
mere and chafing dish and church
and dancing and missionary and
sewing and civic improvement—
and the Lord only knows what—

The good old home life is gone, as
Mrs Russell Sage intimates, and
with it those fine conceptions that
developed the grand types of man-
hood and womanhood now fast
quitting the earth. I am compelled
to take conditions just as I observe
them, just as I come in contact with
and am affected by them, and my
conclusion is not encouraging. Nor can
I see that men are responsible for
the present state of society.

I notice a few weeks ago, in
The Atlantic Monthly, an article by
Lyman Abbott, well calculated

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to mislead the careless or uninformed reader. The able editors of the Journal may have critically noticed it; but the circulation of that weekly being limited almost entirely to those who believe in its principles, don't you think some reply from one of the ablest of your many able women, appearing in the Forum or N. A. Review or Atlantic Monthly, would measurably offset the force of Abbott's article?

Well, Miss Gray, I have ceased to be an active participant in your line of work, having become somewhat infirm in body and stolidly indifferent to the many and disagreeable innovations of the present day. Leading a somewhat secluded life at my home I neither avoid or court people, and therefore my influence is very limited. My

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views and sympathies and hopes are
unchanged. My admiration for your
grand woman unqualified. I have
lately been reading for the third time,
Mrs Stanton's "Eighty years and more" -
It delights my very soul to commune
with that noble heart and regal
head, but when the volume, which,
in many places and passages stirs
like a trumpet note, is laid aside,
I am sad in the reflection that never
again on this earth will appear a fit-
succession to the Stantons, Anthonys,
Blackwells, Elays, Henrys &c.

Not knowing the extent of our
separations I enclose etc, which, if not
sufficient, please notify us.

With sentiments of a biding sympathy
in whatever you hope for or undertake,
Yours sincerely - Geo. Handy

Frankfort Ky -
Nov 10th 1903.

To
Miss Laura Clay.

Cornington Ky -

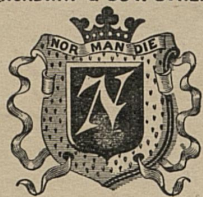
Dear Miss Clay.

I have waited
until the last minute
before writing, hoping that
I could represent the Frank-
fort E. R. A. at the Convention,
but find it impossible to
do so just now - The
Secretary sent our report -
Wishing you much success -
Cordially Yours -

Pres E. R. A.

Hallie Herndon.
Frankfort, Ky.

HOTEL NORMANDIE
BROADWAY & 38TH STREET



ALMY & WILLSEY
PROPRIETORS

NOV 30, 1903
We have received
your letter of 21st
inst. in relation to
the work of the
Hotel Normandie
New York, Nov 30 1903
My mother has
enjoyed your
little visit -
very much.

Dear Miss Clay

I am booked to
sail tomorrow, but I
am compelled on my
account of business
to postpone the trip
to the middle of Dec

My mother says
you object to a statement
on page 66 of my book,
it is a quotation & the
publishers granted today
on a comparison with
my text, that they

had misread my scrawling
writing of shrewd for
lewd. I only copied
it myself. I am not
the author of the statement.

I have decided
that the printers copy
the wording correctly. I
think it is best to
say nothing regarding
it & in all the book
which will be sold
from the publishers
after this the word
"lewd" will be omitted.

I have decided
to send ⁵⁰⁰⁰ copies to various
members of Congress & the
State Legislatures. Have
you any especial leg-
islators I am desirous

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Frankfort, Ky. Dec/8th 1903

Dear Miss Laura -

Your letter with check
in closed \$1. (one dollar per year) for the Register,
in closure duly noted. Thanks. I send you
to-day - the Sept No, 2nd Edition, for sample -
and will send the January No. 1904 - as soon
as it is issued. Will you not please send
me, Miss Laura, a sketch of your life and work -
You are our Susan B. Anthony - and it is
yourself and your good work we are
most interested in. Please respond if you receive the Register.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. Jennie C. Morton
Ed. The Register

I write much regret-
sincerely & affectionately,
Susan Cook Avery.
Anchorage, Sunday afternoon
Dec. 20. 1903.

My dear Miss Clay

I have just re-read your
letters of Nov. 9th & Dec. 12th &
the enclosed manuscript. I regret
that I have neither time nor sight
to permit the writing of a letter
of what I should like to say.

I enclose a clipping from the
Somerville Herald containing an in-
terview. I regret that it had not been
stenographic. Then, what Wendell
Phillips said, & several other things
would not have been spoiled in the
telling! At the Club meeting - after
it, I saw Mrs. White for a moment
only. She had time only to say that
she had just ret^d from Coalington.
I hope to see her again before I
leave Somerville & neighborhood.

The lack of earnestness in women
is a marvel to me! I mean in a-

my worthless, ineffective work - But
far the most important subject for
thought & action of women, is wom-
an suffrage; and among the most intelli-
gent, one who speaks ^{or rather} ~~to~~ ^{the subject of} ~~them~~ of it is
regarded as amusing - not to be se-
riously considered. I speak to ev-
erybody I meet, & some day I think my
ideas will germinate.

I am unable to change my mind
with regard to the wisdom of urging
women ^{who are not believers} ~~as men~~ to become members
under a promise that if not con-
vinced, they need do no work! Such
members are not helpful. I know such
- & when they were asked to work, a
degree of resentment was stirred
wh. weakened rather than strength-
ened the cause. I wish to vote
against any member who is not
ready to work earnestly.

I never so much wished to vote
as now. If our administration
did not fathom the lowest depths
of infamy in the Philippines, it has
done so in Panama! - I intend
going next week to Chicago.

I rec'd yesterday a good letter from
Mrs. Farmer. I find no spark of real
interest in W.S. in Anchorage! - wh.