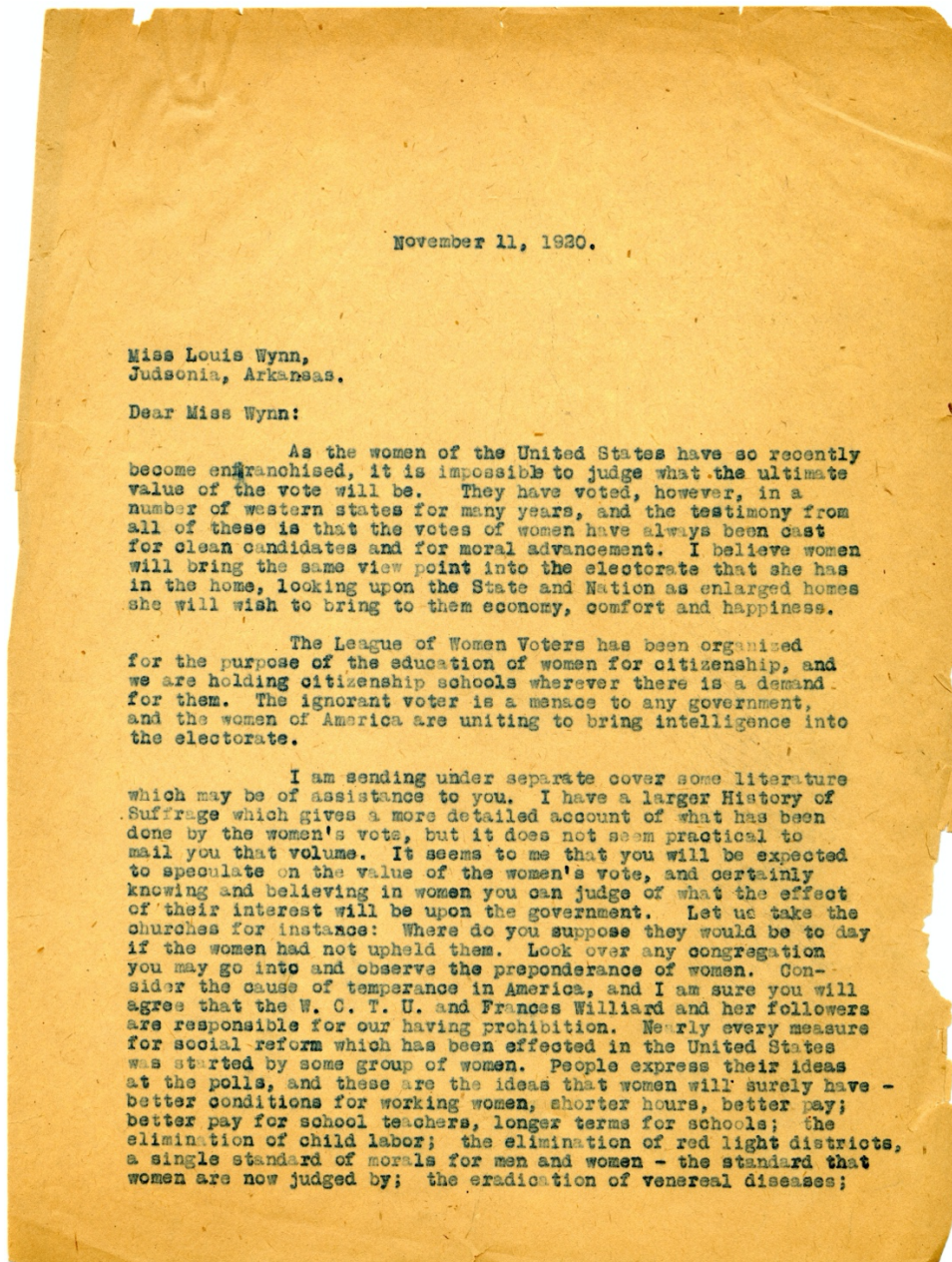


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Miss Louis Wynn,
Judsonia, Arkansas.

Dear Miss Wynn:

As the women of the United States have so recently become enfranchised, it is impossible to judge what the ultimate value of the vote will be. They have voted, however, in a number of western states for many years, and the testimony from all of these is that the votes of women have always been cast for clean candidates and for moral advancement. I believe women will bring the same view point into the electorate that she has in the home, looking upon the State and Nation as enlarged homes she will wish to bring to them economy, comfort and happiness.

The League of Women Voters has been organized for the purpose of the education of women for citizenship, and we are holding citizenship schools wherever there is a demand for them. The ignorant voter is a menace to any government, and the women of America are uniting to bring intelligence into the electorate.

I am sending under separate cover some literature which may be of assistance to you. I have a larger History of Suffrage which gives a more detailed account of what has been done by the women's vote, but it does not seem practical to mail you that volume. It seems to me that you will be expected to speculate on the value of the women's vote, and certainly knowing and believing in women you can judge of what the effect of their interest will be upon the government. Let us take the churches for instance: Where do you suppose they would be to day if the women had not upheld them. Look over any congregation you may go into and observe the preponderance of women. Consider the cause of temperance in America, and I am sure you will agree that the W. C. T. U. and Frances Williard and her followers are responsible for our having prohibition. Nearly every measure for social reform which has been effected in the United States was started by some group of women. People express their ideas at the polls, and these are the ideas that women will surely have - better conditions for working women, shorter hours, better pay; better pay for school teachers, longer terms for schools; the elimination of child labor; the elimination of red light districts, a single standard of morals for men and women - the standard that women are now judged by; the eradication of venereal diseases;

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parks and play grounds in large cities, wholesome amusement everywhere, in both country and city; good roads to bring the farmer in close touch with the town; better marketing conditions to lower the cost of living. In short, all of those things that make for a clean, wholesome, progressive State and country in which to live.

Cordially,

Chairman.

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