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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

March 14, 1910

Dear Miss Olay,

You will receive ere you get this Miss Shaw's letter on Oklahoma. I have written her that I thought she ought to put out a vote before the convention. If we are not to continue the campaign in Oklahoma, the quicker we send money to pay our debts there and get Mrs. Boyer home the better. I know Mrs. Avery is opposed to a general election because she talked with me when she was here, saying we had to have a majority of all the votes cast at that election. Out at Seattle, I couldn't bear to enter into an arrangement with Mrs. Belmont, Mrs. Harper, &c. without knowing just they expected; and I wrote Miss Shaw that I was opposed to sending Mrs. Boyer until we knew something more about it. I do wonder if I am never going to learn to kick hard to begin with. Still it wouldn't have done any good in either case because Miss Shaw had made up her mind to carry it through and she had the power to do it.

I understand exactly now about your sending the money to Oklahoma. I just wanted to know why you did it.

You will see by the letter which I am sending you in regard to Miss Shaw's clerk hire the pressure that has been brought to bear to make me pay \$18 00 when we voted \$15 00

The most important duty is not in my hands. I have an important enough one to be sure, but to my mind the con¹/₂

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March 16, 1910

Kentucky

Dear State President;—

As you know, the annual convention will be held in Washington April 14th. to 19th. Your state paid \$90⁰⁰ dues last year and you will therefore be allowed 12 delegates, including your president and member of the National Executive Committee. I am enclosing credential blanks and blanks for alternates. I

I usually send a postal card for acknowledgement of these blanks, but this time I am going to ask you to send me a letter, giving me this information and, at the same time, giving me the names of your delegates, with their home addresses. It may be that you are uncertain of all of them, but let me have the list as you have it now.

Cordially yours,

HTU*A

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Dear Miss Clay,

I think I told you that I did not want Mrs. Boyer to go so quickly to Oklahoma for the same reason that I did not want the National Headquarters, Belmont, Harper, &c. settled without consultation. In writing to Miss Shaw a few days ago, I said that since we had sent Mrs. Boyer there, I did not see how we could get out of paying the bills which she had contracted, and that I thought if she felt differently about it and there was a misunderstanding about it, that she better ask for another vote. She replies as follows:-

"I cannot agree with you that we are under any obligations to pay any bills in Oklahoma except Mrs. Boyer's salary and expenses. We agreed to help Oklahoma to the extent of sending Mrs. Boyer but we did not agree to pay any bills which Mrs. Boyer might contract in the state after she got there except those which were associated with or connected with her expenses. If they run up their bills they must pay them. We are under no obligations whatever to provide Headquarters or anything else simply because we complied with their request to send them Mrs. Boyer. If you will look at the vote which I sent out on Feb. 3rd. asking if we should maintain Headquarters in Oklahoma, you will see that Mrs. Kelley, Miss Clay and Miss Blackwell voted yes, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Stewart and I voted no and Mrs. Potter and yourself practically voted no. Consequently the vote was taken by the National Board not to maintain Headquarters in Oklahoma and therefore I do not think we should pay the bills for them. Of course I know that Miss Clay and Miss Blackwell if they both remain on the Board, will vote strongly in favor of doing so but how the other members of the new Board will vote is still uncertain, but the present Board has voted no."

I am sending you this paragraph because it relates to Oklahoma and you are sort of a god mother to Oklahoma, and because I want to explain to you that I did not vote no on establishing Headquarters in Oklahoma. I said that if we had money or knew where to get it that I was for it, or that was my idea. When we voted to move Headquarters to New York, Miss Shaw said she thought we could get such a lot of money there among

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rich people; and so when this Oklahoma matter came up, I said that I thought I could raise the South Dakota money, which would not be so much, and asked her why the New York people for whom the National had done so much this year, could not finance Oklahoma. She replied that undoubtedly the New York people could support the Oklahoma work if I would get the money, she didn't know how.

This is not very important but it may throw some light on the matter when it comes up later.

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Dear Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell and Mrs. Stewart,

I am asked to send a copy of the enclosed letter to you simply because it gives the real conditions of the situation in New York. It may be you will not understand the first paragraph. I do not myself very well because I did not see the article. As I understand it though, at a lecture Mrs. Harper was giving, Mrs. Belmont denounced in some way Mrs. Catt and Miss Hay. Whereupon a reporter wrote it up and then interviewed Mrs. Harper, or pretended to, and wrote it up, and called up Mrs. Catt and told her about it and asked her for her side and then put something in the paper. Upon seeing this, Mrs. Harper writes a letter to Mrs. Catt and the letter I am sending you is from Mrs. Catt in answer to it.

Cordially yours,

HTU*A

Harriet Taylor Upton

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[Mar. 17, 1910]

New York, 2 W. 86th. St.,
March 11, 1910

Dear Mrs. Harper,

Upon my return from Albany I found your letter awaiting me and I have been in a chase all day to get a copy of the article to which you referred. I now have it. What I know about it is this. Tuesday evening Miss Rogers called me on the phone and said that at your lecture Mrs. Belmont had said thus and so about Miss Hay and me being in substance the matter printed in this article and credited to Mrs. Belmont. She said she called me to see if I had anything to say in reply. I replied that I had absolutely nothing to say. She said further Mrs. Belmont says you have given out all the mess about her and Mrs. Mackay, and I replied that I knew nothing about the matters referred to in (I think) that days paper. (The article which had set Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Mackay as rivals.) I said the papers had not got that information from me nor at my office but in Mrs. Belmont's own office, to which Miss Rogers replied, "Of course we all know that." Your name was not mentioned by either of us.

I have been hard in the labor of enfranchising my sex for two decades. In that time I have been attacked many a time, but I never gave a newspaper a word in defence nor a word against my critics. It takes the new folks to do that. Those of us who have labored early and late to try to cement organization, to try to mend breeches and persuade people to work together do not fly to the press to tear such small results as have been attained asunder. The situation in New York is enough to make the very angels weep. Things leak out here and there and the girls piece up a tale which they have gathered from many sources and by so doing they play one suffrage camp against another, to the ridicule of women in general and suffragists in particular. I know you think the number of articles in the press is an evidence of progress. I think we should make more progress if we had considerably less. In my twenty two years of service, I have never passed such a year. I have never received such bitter and unjust criticism, I have never been so lied about, (to put it mildly) and have never had a life long service to an idea (which has meant hard work and continual sacrifice) charged to motives of personal ambition, jealousy and similar satanic qualities before. I have reason to think that my fate has been repeated in many other cases. Each suffrage camp has become suspicious of each other, and is evidently quite willing to believe that other women lie, and stoop to the most dishonorable things. Since we certainly belong to a class of women above the average, if this is really true, we scarcely deserve the suffrage or anything but purification. We could never carry an amendment if we had one, in such a state of intolerable suspicion. I do not clearly understand the source of all this turmoil. I have persistently tried to bring peace and mutual understanding but one might as well try to reap the whirlwind.

Now I say that the time has come to get up a big harmony story and show that all are adhering to the common cause. That will not make those who have learned to hate, love one another, but it will relieve the public mind of the growing conviction that we are all fools or knaves.

So far as you are concerned, I believe you when you say that you did not say the things credited to you in that article but I have heard practically those same things from many sources all credited to you. You have perhaps not told just that story to anyone but you

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long service to my race (which has meant hard work and continued acqui-
sition) and I feel proud of it. (to put it mildly) and have never had a little
less. I have never received any other and what satisfaction. I have
only less. In my mind two levels of service, I have never. Based upon
of progress. I think we should make more progress if we had considered.
I know you think the number of articles in the press is an evidence
to the rights of women in general and especially in particular.
sources and it is going to be a very one article and a very one
and the article press is a large matter they have gathered from many
sources to make the day's news. Things look out here and there
results as have been attained. The situation in New York is
made people to work to gether do not try to the press to look and and
and take to try to cement organization, to try to make progress and bet-
it takes the new folks to do that. Those of us who have worked early
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at Longfellow Mrs. Belmont had said this and so about Mrs. Hall and me
this. I really believe Mrs. Rogers called me on the phone and said that
there is much you referred. I had made it. What I know about it is
something we and I have been in a sense all day to get a copy of the ar-
doubt my return from Virginia I found your letter
Dear Mrs. Mackay,

Mrs. P. T. T. T.
New York, N. Y. Sept. 24.

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have let out the fact that you were unfriendly to me, to the local workers &c. and naturally I must believe that you have been Mrs. Belmont's teacher when she makes such unwarrantable charges against me. Time after time the news has come straight that Mrs. Belmont is viciously opposed to me and the work I may happen to do. Also, I am told that this is your attitude, and so outspoken had you been that some of the newspaper people were amazed that you would come to my house. I claim no infallible traits myself, but I hope to be able to say on my dying day that I have done the cause no harm. That means that I am not attacking fellow workers, spreading harmful gossip in the press nor trying to outdo other workers. My heart has been heavy all the winter with the weight of this awful situation growing more complicated and more menacing to the cause every day. Others may say the movement is sweeping on toward victory! I know it is if there can be a union but without it I know we are fixing for the biggest reaction the good cause has ever had.

A sad reformer, I am,

Carrie C. Catt

Typed by C.C.C.

maintained in the Headquarters force for so many years. Now that we know it is not every one who can or will maintain that harmony, it seems to me we should regulate the government of Headquarters by well-defined rules, which shall fix authority and responsibility. I think this matter should be taken up by the Official Board in Washington before the Convention; and the result of the deliberations should be placed before the Convention, or at least before the Ex.Committee so there shall be no possibility of disagreement or friction afterwards. I think we do not always take the Convention sufficiently in confidence upon these matters which concern its interests. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that emergencies have now arisen which make it expedient that the Convention shall rule on points which we have thought the Board could handle by itself.

I re-enclose Miss Shaw's letter.

MARCH 14th. I have received the certificates for delegates. This is the list of delegates and alternates we elected at our state convention. We thought then we should have but seven delegates. It seems we are to have ten. The alternates are to take the vacancies in the order that they come; so there is no real division between delegates and alternates. I have added Mrs. Roark's name to the list, because she expects to go; and I am confident there will be a vacancy for her to fill, which the Ex.Committee will vote for her to have. She is usually such a busy woman we did not elect her at the convention.

- Mrs. Sarah C. Bennett, Richmond? Ky. *Will not go.*
- Miss Laura R. White, Winchester.
- Mrs. James A. Leech/ 1249 First Street, Louisville. *Will not go.*
- Miss Emma Hast, Louisville.
- Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington"
- Prof. W.S. Giltner, 1554 Madison Ave., Covington.
- Miss Virginia Robinson, 1710 Rosewood, Louisville.

- Mrs. M.C. Cramer, Lexington.
- Mrs. John D. White, 169 Crescent Avenue, Louisville.
- Mrs. Alma Bergman, Louisville. *General Secretary*
- Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 W. Front Street, Newport.
- Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, 31 East 12th Street, Covington.
- Mrs. C.B. Robinson, Louisville.
- Mrs. Letcher Riker, Harrodsburg, Ky. *Will not go.*
- Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.
- Mrs. S.M. Hubbard, Hickman, Ky.
- Mrs. L.A. Nield, 1374 Third St., Louisville.
- Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond, Ky.

Mrs. Mary B. Giltner, 1554 Madison Ave. Covington, is our member of the N.A.S.A. Ex.Committee.

You will be glad to hear that at last we got our Co-guardianship bill through the Legislature? It is now in the hands of the Governor; and he told me he was favorable to it. So I now have time to audit the books, and you can send them on at any time.

Cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

March 18th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I just received this afternoon your letter ^{of March 14} enclosing part of a letter from Miss Shaw and your answer to it about the extra three dollars for the stenographer. I had answered your ^{other} letter of March 14th this morning, and I supposed your reference to Miss Shaw's action was to a previous letter. I wish now to say that I think your position is well taken in your answer to her; and that I like the rule that not more than the maximum sum shall be spent, without a vote on the subject. I am willing to go on record as requiring that no officer shall have the privilege of deciding by herself when an appropriation is not sufficient for her purpose. Without some such rule I do not see how the treasury could be protected from any extravagance. A vote put out by yourself is justifiable, I think, or at least is excusable, when the president is sick, and it would take a tedious time to get the vice-president to put it out. When we were all at peace I suppose no one would have objected. But in these troubled times I advise you to stick to rule and not pay out any money contrary to your interpretation of authority except upon a vote put out by the president. As far as my influence or vote goes, I will sustain you in this position.

I received the box of books from Warren this afternoon.

I do not wonder that you are vexed at receiving such letters as that from Miss Shaw; but they ought not to drive you from your safe, law-abiding position.

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March 18, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I had hardly dictated your letter when I received the following telegram:

"Advance Mrs. Boyer \$50.00 on salary, but not a cent for Headquarters".

I do not think it was three quarters of an hour from the time I sent the message until I received the answer. I am wondering now what is going to happen.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Miss Clay:-

The Program Committee have asked me to have charge of two morning hours of the Convention, and when I first talked with them about it I had a good deal of fervor on the subject of carrying out a certain program but now I am so behind and so tired, I seemed to have lost that.

I am now, however, asking a few people to speak and I do not want anybody to talk that can not tell of some practical thing they have done and how they have done it. I am wondering if you could tell us about the Virginia club you organized, or any other practical thing, speaking five minutes. I want to be fortified with a few speakers and the rest can be discussion.

I received a letter yesterday from Miss Shaw in which she said we were not to be allowed to pay any expenses of Headquarters in Oklahoma, and this morning I got a letter from Mrs. Boyer in which she said that if she does not have money by the middle of next week, she will be bankrupted. I have gotten some money to pay our indebtedness and was just about to send Mrs. Boyer a check for her Headquarters bills. I have telegraphed

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Miss Shaw the conditions and am expecting an answer.
As Mrs. Avery is in New York today I think I will hear
from Miss Shaw that it is all right to send Mrs. Boyer
some money.

I do think I am perfectly awful when I feel so
keenly about some things that I do not speak my mind.
I knew Mrs. Boyer ought not to go to Oklahoma without
having things in black and white. Miss Shaw said
if she was to go at all she must go then. I have
just about reached the limit of my patience.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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March 20, 1910

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of the 18th. and the 19th. duly received. I have read them both very carefully.

I was joking when I said "You cannot quietly say that the treasury is no part of your business." That is, if I remember rightly. Anyway, I certainly was not censuring you.

I am so thankful that this matter is all clear to you. I do think that everybody is going to be fair and square and fearless. Heretofore I have always been fearful. Now I feel equal to anything. The tone which Miss Shaw assumes in her letter is the one which she uses towards me almost all the time. There seems to be a general feeling on the part of our friends that this is an important convention and all delegations are to be full I believe and the strongest and best people are to be there.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 21/10.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am in receipt of your letter to me, Miss Blackwell and Mrs. Stewart. I thank you very much for keeping me in touch with events at Headquarters. I have also just received your two letters of Feb. 18th. I am distressed to know that the arrangements are not clear about what bills are to be paid in Oklahoma. It is terrible on all the workers, especially on anyone like Mrs. Boyer, very far from home. I hope that you will keep me in close touch with the financial situation there. I have been expecting daily to receive the note for the loan from the Bruce Fund, and the moment I get it I will forward the money to you.

In regard to speaking at the Convention: you have a misapprehension about my organizing the Virginia Club. I found it organized when I got the Gray sisters home on my way to the New York Board meeting. They had already established Headquarters and were active in press work, etc. I was requested to speak to them, which I did and I said something to them about the advisability of their joining the National Association, as you know in New York I was authorized to ask them officially to join. Under these circumstances I do not think it would be suitable for me to talk about the Virginia Club, but I do think it would be very nice for you to invite Mrs. Talentive, who is the president, or their delegate, whom I am confident they will appoint to go to Washington to the Convention to speak

of their Club. It was quite an event in Richmond and I may say in Virginia, and therefore of importance to our cause throughout the South. If you can think of anything else you would like me to talk on you can command me for five minutes.

I consider our Co-guardianship bill an important piece of legislation, and I expect some of our Kentucky delegates to take up the time which is allotted to the states which have done legislative work. I am glad to say that our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark of Richmond Ky. has determined to go to the Convention. She is a polished speaker, and if you came to hear anything about the work of the School Improvement League of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, and of their efforts to obtain School Suffrage for women. You could not have a better person to speak than Mrs. Roark.

I received a nice letter from Miss Clegg this morning, which I enclose with the request that you will return it. The bill of Sen. Owens, which she refers to is one forbidding saloons within twenty five miles of an Indian Reservation, and this would almost cover the whole of Arizona where there are many Indian Reservations. Whenever I get letters from Arizona, I feel the importance of having Headquarters in Washington where we possible might establish some little influence over the bills which are presented in Congress.

Very cordially yours,

Diet.

Lexington, Ky.

March 22nd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am going to do something which I fear will dis-
please you, and I particularly regret that, as I have just received your
letter saying you did not censure me for my former action about Oklahoma.
The fact is, the situation out there is weighing heavily on my heart. I
can imagine the consternation of those poor women when they find they have
a campaign on their hands and the help they have planned for their head-
quarters is not going to be given them. I want to give them the interest
from the Bruce Fund of last December. You have not sent me the interest
on the \$1900 notes, which you usually send in December. I suppose you may
not have collected it. But however that may be, I want you to send the
\$57 dollars of the Bruce interest and the \$3 of interest on my part of
the note to the treasurer of the Oklahoma Asso., Dr. Ruth Gay, is it not?
I wish you would send it at once, without any indication for what it is
to be spent, except that it is a special contribution to the campaign.
You can say from whom it is or not, just as you please. I do not wish to
interfere in any way with Miss Shaw's agreement with Mrs. Boyer, or to en-
courage any extravagance. But I do wish to help all I can in the most im-
portant campaign, to my mind, we have had ~~for~~ many years. If you have not
yet collected that interest, and can spare the money from the treasury
just now, please send the money to Oklahoma at once, as I think promptness
just now will be very acceptable in their situation. Please forgive me if
this is running counter to any of your good, sound, business ideas, which
I admire in you, even if I do not always yield to them.

Very cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

March 22nd, 1910.

My dear Miss Gordon,

I was glad to get your letter of March 18th. I believe I can tell you all or nearly all that I know of Mrs. Potter's discontent without any breach of confidence; though, for fear others may not think so, I wish you would be discreet with any thing I may write. When we were called to Business meeting in New York the state of Headquarters was understood as one of the questions we must discuss. It seems that the authorities there had had clashes, and there was a great deal of strained feeling between Miss Shaw and Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck. Both of them had displeased her and both found themselves in a position which they felt was not what they expected. Now when I got to New York you know Miss Shaw was in a sanitarium, put there partly by her agitation over these quarrels. Her particular friends (I mean her personal particular friends) felt that her health and spirits ought to be considered in the matter. I hope you know me well enough to foresee that I thought all the members of the Board ought to have their feelings and especially their rights impartially and equally considered. Therefore, when I found that the trouble was practically merely personal I did not inquire very deeply into the complaints on either side, but turned my attention to how to have things work on till the convention; and in fact, this was the attitude of mind of all the Board. The quarrels seemed to have their root in who should have authority over the headquarters and the business there. Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck thought their agreement had given them authority. Miss Shaw thought it belonged to her. The upshot of it was that we came

to the conclusion that a lack of foresight had been displayed in Seattle not to have settled this by vote either of the Convention or at least of the Official Board. On comparison of views, we found that our expectations of who was to have charge were indeed indefinite and mixed. This had caused most of the trouble. You and Mrs. Catt had always agreed perfectly; and Mrs. Upton had always been the only resident officer. To correct as far as possible this omission the Board in New York passed a set of rules, defining the rights and authority of each member of the Board in Headquarters. Of course, except for the President and the Cor. Sec. the rights were very nominal. We divided the authority between the two, giving charge to the Cor. Sec.; with supervisory authority to the president. This step restored working harmony. Miss Shaw submitted because she did not see how she could do otherwise. I have the less hesitancy in telling you all this, because I expect that this matter may, and perhaps ought, to come up before the Convention; and I want your clear thought and your experience to help decide the question. I am confident that either the Convention or at least the Official Board, should draw up ample and well-defined rules for the conduct of Headquarters and the business transacted there. As I say, I did not try to inquire privately what the troubles were, and it was not thought advisable or necessary to present them to the Board officially. But I do not think the money contract had a great deal to do with it, though it may have been a cause of irritation to Miss Shaw. Certainly, her entering into such an agreement, was to my mind, a most unbusinesslike proceeding. However, there was a formal release of this contract on both sides, and a committee was appointed to draw up another. I have never heard what the new contract was, or if it ever was drawn up. Miss Shaw positively declined to have the financial obligation ^{altered} which she had entered upon, to pay any deficit of the extra fifteen hundred dollars she had agreed to pay, which might remain after Mrs. Potter's fees for lectures were taken out. Certain lectures Mrs. Pot-

Certain lectures Mrs. Potter was to give as part of her official duty; but certain others she was to take fees for, and these fees were to be credited to that part of her salary for which Miss Shaw made herself responsible. From this part Miss Shaw declined to be released. I believe she did fail to make the arrangement she anticipated with the College League; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ but of that I am not well enough informed to speak. The bottom of the trouble was difference of opinion as to authority in Headquarters. If you were in New York five minutes among the suffragists you would learn that the feeling is strained all around among all the different associations. It is no breach of confidence to say this, for the newspapers have gotten hold of some of it, as I suppose you have seen. I suppose you have already found out that the rich New York women are giving to suffrage, it is true, but they are giving to projects of their own; and all the enterprises of the National have to struggle on very much as they did before, with the added expense of the high cost of every thing in New York. Some people complain of Mrs. Harper's press work, and say most of those 8000 news articles you see mentioned in the last Progress are articles about Mrs. Belmont.; and so it goes. They are all by the ears. He may have a love-feast at Washington, and again we may not. Miss Peck's abilities seem to have impressed Miss Hauser and others. Every body does not like Mrs. Potter, or think her peculiar abilities are useful ~~or adapted~~ to our work. She cannot be retained, I suppose, though I believe she feels mollified by the action of the Board in New York. It may yet be possible to retain Miss Peck, who has also sent in her resignation? I have never ceased to regret that you left the Board. You do not tell me what your answer to Mrs. Potter was; and I should like much to know. If you will be a candidate again, I am for you. If you will not be, I must consider, for with two officers resigned, and ^{of} uncertainty about others, there ~~must~~ ^{ought} to be thought beforehand what is to be done. I do not know whether or not there are plans to put me off the

Board. I know Miss Blackwell thought there was last time, and said so in the Journal. I shall not decline to be a candidate, for I am more interested in suffrage work than in anything else; and I am singularly footfree and able to devote myself to it. By-the bye, I am greatly afraid Miss Blackwell's health is so much impaired that it is doubtful at any time how long it will allow her to remain on the Board, or to do work anywhere. Do you notice that she is doing very little even on the Journal? Mrs. Upton writes me that her physician says she may go to Washington, but Mrs. Upton does not feel sure that when the time comes she will be able to do so. She has had an attack with her stomach. I wish Miss Blackwell could be persuaded to make some kind of working arrangement to give the Woman's Journal to the National, before Progress cuts any of the ground from under it, and whilst she is still able to put it on a footing which will be a suitable memorial to her mother and father. Now that her father has gone, I think there need be no trouble about the editorial work and authority.

To change the subject: The N.R.A. is rejoicing over the final passage of our bill for Co-guardianship of Minor Children, which bill was signed by Governor Willson yesterday. The Federation of Woman's Club's bill for School Suffrage was defeated. Many Club women are being converted by the action of the Legislature. They thought that any thin they asked would be handed to them at once. Experience is teaching them a lesson.

Write to me again soon; and tell me if you will be a candidate again.

Please remember me to your sisters, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

March 23, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Glad you let me see Miss Gregg's letter.

Am returning it.

Please send me by return mail Mrs. Valentine's name and address.

Have asked Mrs. Avery to save ten minutes somewhere on the program for your co-guardian bill report. She will probably write you about it.

I have asked Miss Andrews to go over the letters of Miss Shaw in regard to this Oklahoma business. She has said so many different things at different times that I hardly know what the last directions were. When I have the information, I will then send the note to her to be signed. The last letter she wrote me she said she refused to borrow money for any campaign and that the Business Committee had not voted in making a campaign in case of a general election.

I understand Miss Shaw has asked Elizabeth for a conference. I will hear from her in a few days. This may mean that she wants to learn what we all think or that she wants to make up to Elizabeth for certain shortcomings or that she wants Elizabeth to be Corresponding Secretary, which means that Mrs. Avery has refused or that

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she wants to get rid of Mrs. Harper and wishes Elizabeth to take her place. Mrs. Avery feels that Mrs. Harper is the most pernicious influence we have in Headquarters. I feel that Lucy is. Well, we only have to keep our eyes open and not be afraid to do the thing that is right and just. You always do the latter. Sometimes you don't see the whole thing. I always see it but am cowardly about acting. If I am forgiven for all my cowardice I will never be so any more.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Elizabeth Myall, Paris, Ky.

Mrs. Eucenie Rion, " "

Mrs. Chas. M. Funk, Paris Ky.

Mrs. Sallie Pullen, " "

Mrs. E. W. Massie, " "

~~Mrs. Mary A. Stephenson~~

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Martha Stephenson, "

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March 24, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of March 22nd duly received. Indeed, your request did not displease me at all. Of course, when you give that money to Oklahoma the National Treasury doesn't get it. But Miss Bruce left that money to you to be used as you saw fit. This seems to be the most important thing to you and I do not see whose business it is.

I have brought my own machine and my own stenographer up to the house, and cannot tell without going down to the Office or doing a lot of telephoning whether that interest has been paid or not. I will look it up and let you know. As I have no Association checks here, I am sending Dr. Ruth Gay my personal check for \$60. I am doing this to avoid delay. I am enclosing Miss Shaw's letter, which has just come. Please return it the minute you have read it. I am sending it because I am so pressed for time I cannot copy parts about Oklahoma.

The reason I had not sent her the note for signature was I understood her to say she would not sign it, and I thought it was useless to go on with the negotiation.

Cordially yours,

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March 25, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending you Mrs. Boyer's letter, I presume you have had this same information. I have told her that I was so opposed to her starting to Oklahoma until everything was perfectly clear and in writing as to what should be done. I have told her that the matter will be voted on in Executive Committee probably, and then it will be settled. I have also told her that the tendency among our workers is more and more against campaigns. I have also told her that you think we only have to have a majority of the votes cast on the amendment and that Mrs. Avery thinks we have to have a majority of the votes cast at the election. That we better have that matter settled. I hate to have Miss Shaw say that I voted against this Oklahoma work. I simply said I was in favor of it if we knew where the money was coming from, but it did seem to me as if I couldn't stand another seige of the Oklahoma folks begging on one hand and Miss Shaw scolding on the other.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Please enclose this to me as I sent my
own ck - Will you want a receipt from
me for your trustee ship. If you would
rather send me your personal ck & keep
this all right -

H. J. U -

Two Useful Clippings

Millie's Recipe

The wonderful variations our little maid played upon a simple and inexpensive rule for cake became quite a joke in the family, and all our cakes and puddings were familiarly known as "Millie's Recipe."

The rule is one tablespoonful of butter, three fourths of a cupful of sugar, one egg, one half cupful of milk, one cupful of flour and two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder.

Sometimes, Millie's cake recipe appeared as a plain steamed pudding with a well-flavored sauce.

Sometimes as a cup pudding, with a spoonful of jam or preserve placed in the bottom of the cup. A spoonful of rich cranberry-sauce, alternating with a spoonful of the batter, then steamed, was a prime favorite.

Another way was to bake it in a square pan, cut it in two and fill with a rich custard. When baked in gem-pans there seemed to be no end to the varied possibilities. Besides plain cup cakes, the addition of a little cocoanut, spice, currants, figs, dates or prunes altered the character of the cakes entirely, not to speak of the changes achieved by the use of frosting of different colors and flavors. The small cakes were nice to serve with canned or preserved fruit at luncheons and were always acceptable at five-o'clock tea. Millie often served the cakes as dessert, the ones containing fruit or spice, steamed and brought to the table with a hard or liquid sauce. The cocoanut and plain cakes were served cold, with cream, custard, or scooped out and filled with lemon or grape-fruit marmalade.—*Clara Cochrane Cody in Woman's Home Companion for April.*

At the Door

One day the front-door bell at our house rang loudly. Aunt Sabriny, colored, who has lived with us for more than three decades, and knows all our visitors, hurried off to the door. We heard her in conversation a moment, and then she came back, vouchsafing no explanation.

"Who was it, Aunt Sabriny?" I inquired.

"Aw, jus' some fool pusson lookin' fer the wrong number," she said.—*From Woman's Home Companion for April.*

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I thank you very much for Mrs. Valentine's address.

I waited until I was almost frantic to know what the interview with Miss Shaw and Elizabeth was and then when she did write, she said Miss Shaw made her promise not to tell. She said Miss Shaw did not say anything uncomfortable about anybody, but she made her promise not to tell. I think she probably asked her to take the Press work or the Corresponding Secretary work. Elizabeth is getting very tired. I do not think she would be willing to load on any department.

I will ~~not~~ tell you another thing which has been a secret until now and probably was decided yesterday. When Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Potter said they would no longer serve under Miss Shaw, Mrs. Avery wanted to retire too. I thought it was awful for everybody to desert at the time when they should stand by their guns, and I brought more pressure to bear on Mrs. Avery not to do it. Then people urged Mrs. Avery to stand for President. The feeling that Miss Shaw is wholly unequal to the position and that things got worse, hatred more terrible between New York people, made people urge Mrs. Avery to run for President. People thought she was the only person who

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could beat Miss Shaw. She took it under advisement for some time and then concluded it was asking too much of her. In the meantime, Miss Shaw worked upon her sympathies, and I declare, she is a pitiable object officially now although she is pretty well physically, and asked Mrs. Avery to be Corresponding Secretary. Miss Shaw proposed that she be President and Mrs. Avery Corresponding Secretary and that they have no Headquarters' clerk. Mrs. Avery seemed to think this was quite a good scheme. I saw through it immediately. As Miss Shaw goes to Europe and is away from the Office a great deal, as Mrs. Avery has the habit of working like mad for a few weeks and then stopping for two or three weeks, Miss Anthony would be in charge of Headquarters and of all our precious affairs. I called Mrs. Avery's attention to this and told her what it meant, and she said, yes, that that was what they thought; Miss Shaw could then have Lucy. Mrs. Avery told Miss Shaw in Lucy's presence that Lucy was not acceptable to the Business Committee in a business way and that she knew she was not competent, whereupon Miss Shaw said that she was the most competent person that she knew of and talked that way right before Lucy. Mrs. Avery has wobbled between being President, resigning from Vice president and Corresponding Secretary, until she does not know where she stands. I have told her I was not in favor of her for Corresponding Secretary if she was not going to take the Headquarters away from Miss Shaw. Yesterday Elizabeth was to spend with Mrs. Avery, and I think they

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would then decide what place Mrs. Avery had better take. I realize I was selfish to urge her to stay on the Board for I was doing it for my own sake and it has occurred to me that it might be^{as} well if she went off. She simply can not stand out when Miss Shaw is concerned because she says she pulls on her heart strings so.

Well, I will let you know as soon as I know anything, because surely we want to keep things in as good shape as we possibly can.

I understand both Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Mackay are to be at the Convention, and that since Miss Shaw has known Mrs. Belmont was to be there she has had more courage. Mrs. Mackay, I also understand, is to be a candidate for President. I do not know whether this is absolutely true or not.

Cordially yours,

Samuel Taylor Upham

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Wednesday Afternoon

Dear Mrs. Clay -

Glad to get your letter -
of course. I was not offended - I
have hammered away at the
headquarters folks & I guess they
will straighten things out -

Lucy Anthony intended tossing
the whole thing & used to keep
the accounts and that is where
the trouble came -

By the way she is just as trouble
some as ever. In the work
room asking questions she
says because Mrs. Potter is in
charge - she has asked Mrs. Arvey
to ask Mrs. Potter to discharge
Mrs. Ford, a helper because she is
in not agreeable to her. Mrs. Peck
feels badly about it because she
has such good help - Mrs. Peck

says she thinks Lucy is unbalanced
for in one day she asked her three
times whether she was attending
to the petitions

Now all I can hear you are right
about the next convention being
high jinks. I hear from very good
source that Mrs Mackay will be
glad to run for president - Mrs
Belmont's friends say she wants to
be. In talking with Mrs Mackay
who knows Mrs Shaw has gotten
herself into a tight place a woman
told her there was talk of asking
Mrs Arvey to serve and Mrs Mackay
said - Oh! she would not - do no
one knows her. This woman
thinks Mrs Mackay would make
a good president - She says she
understands our delegates do just
as we tell them - I have told
her if any one expects the coming
convention to be a lot of soft-pliable
things they are mistaken - Mrs Mackay
Belmont's business is a secret so far as
I know no member of the Board knows

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of it. I hope none of them
will write me any more.
It seems as if everything aw-
ful that could happen here
happened. I wrote Elizabeth
a personal letter the other
& said I did not vote for Lucy
to take Mrs. Kelly place & said
I would like to know the old
treasury at Mrs. Sherris head
& would put for the cause
of Aunt Susan. Then I put it
into a letter to Mrs. Sherris
& Lucy Armbury got it. - Susan
was right for talking about
folks -

I am begging money every
day, up to this time I have
asked for South Dakota now
I am including Okla. I
should think you Okla. stickers

~~Miscellaneous~~

would feel pretty good -

Paradially

Samuel Taylor Coleridge