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D. S. - Give us best
love & highest respect to
your people mother -
D. A. A.

Rochester Jan. 25/93

Dear Miss Clay

Your letter relative
to Miss Shaw in Arkansas
is before me - and I have
written Mrs McQuinn that
the matter of getting dates for
Miss Shaw - will have to be
settled by her secretary - Miss C.
Anthony - Somerton - Phila - Penn -
- but that her time for
this spring must be pretty
well filled - - I forward
your letter to Mrs Foster Avery

I am in favor of Miss
Shaw's going for the five
lectures - provided - she has
a week - that she can give to
the work - - but I hope other
Southern joints will want
her - also - Still I doubt if
she can give the time
at this late hour - You
see her engagements are
made months - and sometimes
a whole year ahead - - So
if she hasn't the vacant time
now - Mrs M. Garrison or you -
should put in your request
for next Autumn - Say November
or December - My niece will
give Mrs M. D. a week - if she
has one in March or April? -

and yours

Susan D. Anthony

[Feb 25, 1893]

P.S. - That little
appeal of mine in the
W. I. & W. J. has caused
quite a lot of dollars to be
sent to our treasurer -

Do you know - I believe
of some of us only knew
how to harm our work
and appeal to the heads
of our supper women
They would so generally send
their dollars as to make
our treasurer's laugh -
- Can't you rouse
southern women to send
their one dollar each - to
you to help carry on the

educational work - in
your department -

Oh - if only each woman
could be made to feel that
her one word - her one
dollar was of any use to the
cause - every one would
send it along -

J. P. A.

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Jan. 20, 1893

Dear Miss Clay -

I enclose this paper
of Mrs M' Diarmid - which
surely isn't true - Did she
send you \$40 - or \$45 -
- But whatever she sent you -
this is not the full financial
report of the Southern Com.
is it? - Will you please
make a full statement of
the Com's receipts & disbursements
- in good shape to be
appended to our Treasurers
financial report for 1892 -

and so tell Mrs. Upton
to sound out the report -

Then - in answer to the
note you left for me - about
furnishing a lecturer - Miss How
for ^{Arkansas and Mississippi} ~~the Southern States~~ -
- we would gladly do so -
- provided we were sure
of having good arrangements
made in the several places -
- but as you know getting
up meetings - or rather
getting audiences out to
hear lecturers is a fine
art - and but - but - very
very few can be found
capable of the work -
- Only five years ago - I was
thoroughly advertised in Little Rock -
Selena - Hot Springs - Fort Smith - and
with lovely weather in the last of

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[Jan 20, 1893]

February - 1889 - I spoke to
empty benches - very near - in
each place - hence my faith
for Anna Shaw's luck there is
not very great - If at any
places there could be organized
or ~~a~~ Temperance associations -
that will work up an audience
- in 8 or 10 cities - right along -
so that the speaker can go from
place to place without loss of
time - - You see - Miss Shaw
is earning by her lectures from
5 to 6 hundred dollars a month -
and our Society cannot
ask her to go South - unless
we can make her whole
financially -

The only way that I
can see is for the
Southern Committee to

map out - a series of
 meetings - "engaged the
 churches or halls - adver-
 tise the meetings - provide
 places for entertainment
 of the speaker &c. &c. - And
 I do not see how this can
 be done - in places where there
 is no person who understands
 the how to do it? -
 It has been my hope
 that some of our good
 speakers might make a
 winter pleasure tour - &
 speak in hotel parlors &c
 as this should so prove
 out to us - So I do

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Not see how our business
Committee can inaugurate
lectures in the South - in
any other way than they
are inaugurated at the
North - that is by the few
citizens there in each town
talkin' & workin' up public
sentiment until there is
a nucleus of friends that
will invite a speaker to
come to their place - I
have longed to go South
for thirty years - and never
could go - because I knew
of no one to welcome
me - and had not the
money to go at my own
expense - stop at hotels -

hire halls - adventure lectures -
 & some very luck - all round -
 — — — But if you can
 devise any plan - that
 will give promise of good
 audiences for Miss Shaw -
 — Our Comtee - will be
 glad to aid you in
 every way it can - but
 remember - with all
 the little notes - from the
 friends & the societies of the
 different States - our treasury
 is not equal to paying Miss
 Shaw for even one month
work any where!!
 So long & Hopefull - I am -

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 Susan B. Anthony

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HEADQUARTERS: No. 17 MADISON STREET,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1893

My Dear Miss Clay

Your word of the
speakers names in N. Y. is just
here - It is too bad that the fact
of omission has occurred - When I was
at Shila, & we drafted the Call - we especially
talked of southern speakers - Mrs Henry
- I spoke also of Laura Clay - then it
was said she was a state Pres & it would
seem invidious to mention one or not all - &
all would be too many - I forward your
letter direct to our Cor. Sec. Mrs Foster Avery - and
she will at once set about securing two
or three of the women you name - I have
heard of Mr Griffin as a fine speaker -
and will tell them to invite her

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[Dec 7, 1893]

All you say is right perfectly -
but - you see the evening sessions
are paid admission - hence a very
important point is to make them
attractive - to outsiders - I wish the
West & East, North & South - each & all had
hundreds of attractive speakers where they
now have one - — Of course Mrs Aney
just jotted down the few names she
thought of - merely to start the thought for
the meeting - I am awfully sorry
for the domino's intentional oversight -
- but I am sure not one of our women
would willingly be guilty of such inconsideration
- I know dear Mrs Aney would not -

I hope to see you at Washington -
We are just opening our C. W. C. campaign
as you will see by the enclosed list - and
by the Woman's Journal of this week & the W. M. J.
work to win - in no other spirit can we hope -
Sincerely yours - Susan B. Anthony

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Rochester, N. Y., June 2, 1894.

My Dear Lamma

I hear I am to be
in Lexington - the 10th - so shall
start early enough - Tuesday night - to arrive
there at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening - that
I may have a good full night's sleep -
before appearing before a Gentlemen's
audience - Mrs Chapman - Catt -
will be with me - & occupy a
part of the evening - follow me - I think
will be best - as she is such a fine speaker
- but we can settle that on the spot
- at the last moment - I felt I
could not make the trip all
stark alone - and so invited her
to accompany the rounds!

I enclose some of her press
notices - If you do not
hear from me - you may expect
me on the 7 - train from
Cincinnati - If convenient -
- Mr C. should stop with me - that
she will want a separate bed - so
fix that as you please

Lovingly yours - & your
noble mother - & Mary's & Sally's
I have thought & felt with you all -
I shall be glad to see you each & all

Susan D. Anthony

learned to stand. now they are
reaching out for higher better things
such as joining the Federation of
Women's Clubs. Their aspiring motto
"ad astra per aspera" will indicate
the present attitude of the Club.

Of Miss Susan B. Anthony is not write
you would it be unreasonable in
me to ask one of her coworkers to
write a word in her behalf?

I have sat as a disciple at Miss Anthony's
feet from my childhood and I know
she is always more than willing to
help on the good work - either by word
of mouth or pen. I feel profoundly that any
good seed sown on the fertile ground
represented by the Progressive Club
will bring forth fruit!

Believe me cordially.

Margaret Wells.

Can you?

Elmwood - Wateburg
Feb 18th 1894.

Miss Anthony -

I am forced on account
of my health to spend the
winter and Spring in the
sunny South so I cannot
take a hand in the campaign
now being carried on in my
native State of New York for the
enfranchisement of grocers.
But I am with you heart and soul
if not in person. and am trying
in a small way to carry on the
same good work in the old
conservative city of Wateburg.
A number of the representatives

to the importance of the suffrage as a
means towards a nobler fuller life &
work. I enclose my home address
for the mammoth petition. I am a
tax payer in Fulton Co. and at
least three times a year am painfully
impressed with the inconsistency as well
as absurdity of the assertion in our much
boasted Declaration of Independence
that "Taxation without representation
is tyranny." I learn from my home paper
that Miss Susan B. Anthony attended a con-
vention at Johnsonville last week & I know
that her time is occupied with others - on
this account I hesitate to ask from her
a word of encouragement & greeting
to these sister women of the Progressive
Club. But I also know it would be most
highly prized & of the utmost value.
The Pres told me to day they have
been creeping & have only just -

women of the city have formed a
society called the Progressive Club
I have been greatly impressed with
the intelligence wit and courtesy
of these women all belonging to the
old regions and representing the
best elements of the Southern life
of today.

At the last meeting the topic for
discussion was "Should woman have a
place in politics". I was asked to pre-
pare a paper on either side of course I
took the affirmative - and was most
agreeably surprised to find the Club
was with me. I had no opposition to
overcome as no one spoke for the
negative. I mention this because
it seems to me most significant -
and proves that the "heaven" is
opening and soon the whole
womanhood of the land ^{will be} awakened.

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Rochester, N. Y. March 12, 1894.

My Dear Anna

Can't you help
this dear woman at
watcher - I really have
not the time even to
unriddle the rest of it -
- am home for a minute -
& overwhelmed with the
letters waiting me - but
you want every Southern
name - I know - so
I send this to you -

Well - we are pushing our
first work - the holding
of the 50 - Board meetings -
- have had 20 - the 24th
is now in papers in
Albany - this has speaks
to night - & I tomorrow night -
So I could spend Sunday &
Monday at home - all
goes well - only the money
comes in so slow -
If people only could appreciate
and help a work for a
principle - as they can & do
one for charity for personal
help! - Sincerely yours

Susan D. Anthony

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On train for Albany
March 15, 1894

My Dear Laura

I expect I would
a letter to you, ^{intends} without
these southern appeals
which I intended to
enclose - I simply
(on the wing as I am)
cannot answer these
as they deserve - but you
at least want to take
the names & address - and
learn if you can get any
service out of them for our work

I have a lovely letter from
dear Virginia Jones - I was
very sorry that she & others
could not be at same
hotel with us - for it is
^{only} at meals & other odd times
that I am ever able to see
& learn to know our
delegates - So that all who
cannot stop at same hotel -
lose me my only chance to
get acquainted with them.

My hope - expectation
plan - now is - that I
deafly after ^{the} Kansas & New York
elections are over - that I
shall give my whole time
to travelling & speaking in their
chief cities up to the first
week of Feb. 1895 - when we are
all to come together in Atlanta.

[Mar. 13, 1894]

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And I want as many
of my first friends to
join me in the tour of
seeing & hear's seen - hearing and
being heard - through those
States - through December &
January as possible - and
I think both Miss Shaw
& Mrs Chapman will come
at my call - and I
think our Natural Southern
Committee should do all it
can to open the way to
& for us by finding the most
influential & practical A
lectures in each city - to
invite us - & chaperone us
~~in each city~~ - for us to
go into any city without

such parties to herald
good welcome and
coming - would be
a mishap - rather
than a help to our cause!
will you make out at all

write - namings the cities
in their order - which you
think would be the
best for us to make

with Mrs Chapman as
national organizer - to stay
two days of the P.M. of each
meeting in each place - with
Shaw - with one Porter to work
one evening with Mrs Stanton

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— Making the afternoon meetings just as interesting & useful as possible - by having as many of their most influential speakers & women take part - as may be!! Thus we could have 2 sessions in each place - a visit to two places in each week - say we take eight weeks - that would enable us to hold two days meetings in 16 cities! which, shall they be? Then if we could get another manager - appointed by our national organizers - and two more speakers - we could make another tour - & so take

16 other cities - making
 32 - in all +! While I am
 traveling every forenoon - taking
 a sleep every afternoon - speaking
every evening - & visiting meeting
everywhere between times - Now
 in New York; & soon in
 Kansas - I am planning
southern tour - and
 we must make it a
 splendid one that will
 just set the whole south
 ablaze on the question -

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Box 1

[Sept 21, 1894]

La Porte, Texas
July 28th '94.

My dear Miss Anthony:

Pardon me for thus sending you a published article on the suffrage question which I sent out a couple of months ago:

I have long & greatly admired you & having met & known you as a young woman. I felt a desire to again express my continued regard for you.

Possibly you will remember me as a niece in Dr. Lozier's office 38 years ago. I have been continually in the practice of medicine since, and with no abatement of my allegiance to the vital question that you have your life long espoused.

Pardon most fervently, and receive please my most ardent & pressing expression of personal esteem toward you.
Very sincerely,
Anna M. Campbell, M.D.,

My Dear - I send you these
pencilings from Dr Anna M. Compton
La Porte Texas - because her aunt
was my friend & personal helper in
my old days of publishing 'The Revolution'
as well as the best friend of
cause in general - at State and
National associations men all helped -
- so this woman has good blood
in her veins - & is one for the
Southern Committee to tie to
I am quite sure - though
I haven't seen her 20 years -

What a busy - jumping in horse -
world, this is - Lovingly -

L Susan D. Anthony

P.S. - I have answered - & sent her
last National report - & sundry speeches
& documents -

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Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 8 1894.

My Dear Anna

Here is a private letter -

that I think ^{you} as Chairman of the Southern
Com. should see - I have written her
that I propose to give Jimmy - Johns, if
best, March - to Southern work - and
that I had already written you as to the
probability of being before the Atlanta Con-
- a leaving that meeting to launch our
question!! - That I refer all to
the Southern Com - That I have
called a meeting of the National
Suffrage - Business Com. at Cleveland Ohio -
during the week of the National W. S. J. U -
Nov. 16 & 20 - when we should decide upon our
winter's program of work! - I fix upon that
time & place - so that our women may take
advantage of the half-fare rates - which I hear

are now - for the first time granted - from
Maine to California & Washington to Florida!!
Isn't that "splendid concession to woman!!"
- If the President had the power - I
should surely call a special meeting
of the Executive Committee,^{there,} - also - for there
will be so many states whose
work must take a new turn
- after elections are over! - that
it would be splendid if the Presidents
of all could meet & help each other
so that all might decide to work
on one "line!!" - What do you say of our
me not some - how call an Ex. Com.
meeting in Cleveland! - Our Com. provides
only for two meetings - one before & one after our
annual meetg - Don't you think - if we
can't have an official meeting - that I had
better ask for an unofficial one? -

Now - will you - set all your plans for
the South in shape to present to our
Business Com. - then -

I shall be glad to see all of
my splendid girls there - if possible -

Love of yours
Susan S. Anthony

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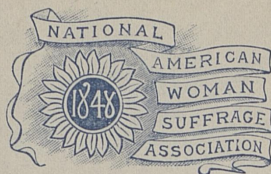
Dear Anna

Mrs Chapman Catt spent yesterday with me - & we talked over Southern work with all the other Sections of the country - one seeming to have Special need of National help - which do you think will be best - to do nothing in the way of holding meetings in the South before the Atlanta Convention - and so let that meeting

Carried our back in the southern sea - &
then we follow it up with lectures as may
be in the different States through March & April
- would you think it best to hold as many
meetings in as many states as possible during these
last weeks of Jan. & first one of February - &
& have them especially in ^{the} "Capital cities of the
States whose Legislatures are in session?"

Please be thinking what will be best - for
the minute the elections are over - we must put on
our thinking caps for work - when & where -

What a time you are having in the Old Key Key
District - I do hope exposed & confessed unchristian
moralism!! - Love to your precious mother & sister -
your loving - Susan D. Anthony



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Rochester, N. Y., March 13, 1897.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Friend:-

Here is Mrs. Conway's letter of the 4th inst. I dare say she is in correspondence with Mrs. Meriweather direct, but nevertheless I send this to you. It makes matters look very hopeful for a good amount of propaganda talk and education at the Tennessee Centennial. I hope you can get matters settled at an early day, so that you can secure the best speakers for our days at the Centennial. I do hope you will have a splendid series of lectures. I do hope you will be able to secure a good place, where all sorts of suffrage literature may be kept, and where a capable Southern woman will preside to talk with all the people who may stop to inquire about our cause. There is hardly any measuring the amount of good educational work that can be done through a suffrage booth, well-equipped with literature and clerks, so I am heart and soul with you in your efforts in that direction, and shall be very glad to do any and everything in my power to make it a success.

Yours very cordially,

Susan B. Anthony

*P. S. - The W. S. just here says Washington
State Legislature has submitted a suffrage
amendment - if so we shall have
two anti state campaigns on
our hands for the election of 1898
- well - doesn't our plot strike?
good - just - to give a last - word to our
noble mother - S. B. A.*

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 24, 1897.

Miss Laura C. Clay,
Lexington,
Ky.

My Dear Friend:-

Your good report of Nashville and Memphis is before me. You -- yes, we, -- have great reason to rejoice over the good work you inaugurated at Nashville.

I wish there were some women living in Nashville, who would, without money and without price, give their time to the maintenance of suffrage headquarters in the Woman's Building for the whole six months. It does seem as if there must be such women there. To pay a woman board and salary to go there from outside is, of course, beyond the possibilities of our lean treasury.

I was delighted to see that Mrs. Virginia Clay Clepton made such a good impression. I was deeply impressed with her maiden speech on introducing me to our Huntsville audience in 1895, and told her then she had the power, and should make it her duty, to become one of the best speakers of the country. Of course, I knew that if she went to the Exposition, she would make exactly the good impression that she did.

My big layout of an appeal for money results in but little more than yours. So far, only about \$80 have come in response.

I wish it were possible for you yourself to live in Nashville the next six months. In your quiet, convincing way you would do more than all of us old stagers put together.

I am very glad that the Tennessee women, both of Memphis and the Exposition, have decided to make arrangements for no speaker, unless recommended by you. It would be most disastrous, in all probability, if they should accept offers from women who were not thus endorsed. I hope you will learn of a number of our good speakers, who can be prevailed upon to speak at Nashville. I have the fullest faith that you and Mrs. Meriweather will do everything that can be done for the best interests of our movement. I will keep my eye and ear out too, and let you

Miss L. C. Clay.

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know if I hear of anybody going near you.

If you really think it best for the National Association to try and hold meetings the 30th and 31st of October, please correspond with Miss Shaw, who will be at her home, Wianno, Mass., and with Mrs. Foster Avery, and see if they can muster speakers to remain over from the Council for that purpose. It seems to me that there must be several of the women who will attend the Federation of Clubs, the National Council, and the Jewish Council, so as to be there the 30th and 31st, which will be Friday and Saturday, and I believe that you could manage to fill in those two days with suffrage to good advantage. But if you think it wise to have meetings in the city of Nashville on the Saturday and Sunday between the Federation of Clubs and the Council, and can secure speakers, that is a good thing to do in my opinion; and then it would be nice, while all hands are in Tennessee, to have a really good convention in Memphis. You and Mrs. Meriweather, there on the spot, it seems to me, should be the ones to decide on all those matters, and to ^{make} ~~leave~~ all arrangements. I am simply overwhelmed with this hunting through the records of the past, and feel no power to be and to do in the present.

So you see, whether the meetings are on the grounds or outside, in the city of Nashville, it must be for you and Mrs. Meriweather to decide and to manage. Any of us, who know nothing of the conditions there, could not possibly make wise decisions.

I forward your letter to Mrs. Foster Avery, and shall rely on her to make all necessary arrangements with you, since both she and you are members of the National Executive Board, and I know will do everything for the best and as I would like to have it done if I were on the spot.

So, with many thanks for all you have done and all you will do, and with love to your sisters, Mary and Sarah, I am, as ever,

Devotedly yours,

Susan D. Anthony

(Dictated.)

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 14, 1897.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear friend;- Here is the Call as revised by me.

I think it should be signed by the entire official board with Mrs. Stanton's name as honorary president, thus saying to the outside world that the old and young, the east and west and the north and south are all represented in this Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mrs. Foster Avery will put to it all of the practical directions necessary but I think the Call, with our names appended, should go out as it is. Its being so short there will be no excuse for the editors cutting or refusing to publish it.

I send a copy to each of the others of the business committee saying, if you will accept this revision and allow your name to be appended, do not fail to write the same to Mrs. Foster Avery at once so it may appear in the next woman suffrage papers and also in the Bulletin.

Yours lovingly,

Susan B. Anthony

M. S. - I am thinking
you this as well as
and not assembled!



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Rochester, N. Y.

April 20, 1898.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Laura:- I wrote you a day since asking for your autograph. Our publishers beginning to call a halt on us as to numbers so I think we shall have to decide between Laura and Mary, and since Laura is a member of what I term my "bodyguard" I had better choose her name.

Then I want to ask, exactly how shall I call your mother's name when I speak of Mrs. Catt and myself being guests in her beautiful home in Lexington? Shall it be Mrs. Mary--(I can not remember her maiden name)-- Clay or Mrs. Cassius M. Clay?

I have Mary's autograph so if yours does not get here in time I shall use hers, but I must know exactly your mother's name.

Everything looks like war this morning but I am hoping that Spain will come to her senses and discover that her better part of discretion is to let Cuba go free. Certainly we a liberty loving people must not longer remain silent spectators to the butchery of the people of that island.

Affectionately yours,

Susan B. Anthony

*1898
Autograph
written
for
Laura Clay*

*Write out your
dear mother's name
in full - please*

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#17 Madison St., Rochester, N. Y.,

May 11, 1898.

Dear Member of the Business Committee: --

I have just read and re-read the concensus of opinion of the different members of the committee sent me by the Corresponding Secretary, to which I will say:

FIRST. That for the same reason we threw up the New England conferences -- the war -- we cannot see into next year and decide wisely when and where to hold our convention outside of Washington. What looks best now may be the very worst thing when the war is over, so I say let the decision wait, at least until after the November elections. This is for a double reason: Michigan and California are to vote on the question of holding constitutional conventions. If both States should vote yes, then we would want to carry our propaganda conventions

into both; if only California, then I should vote to carry our annual meeting there in February, 1899, or just as soon as the Legislature had enacted the law regulating the election of the delegates and fixing the date of the constitutional convention. If only Michigan should carry the proposition, then I should vote to hold our convention in that State, not in Grand Rapids, but in the metropolis, Detroit. Neither of these horns of the dilemma can be chosen until after the elections are over in November next. Putting the constitutional conventions out of the question, I should vote against Minneapolis and Grand Rapids because of our having so recently held great National conferences in both, and I should vote against Cincinnati because of our recent very small National conference there.

I do not at all believe in the policy of taking our National annual meeting into the city which offers the best financial conditions, without consideration of the need of our help to some practical end.

I believe that either New Orleans or Memphis would invite us and offer hospitality too if the friends knew we would like to carry the convention there. So I beg that a decision may not be hurried, but that it shall at least be postponed until we get the election reports from both Michigan and California.

SECOND. I object totally to moving our officer-electing, delegate convention forward to spring, or back into autumn. What I hope to see the friends in all the States settle upon is that our regular annual meeting shall be held in Washington each year, the last of January or the first of February, for national work with Congress; that is, that instead of throwing up our efforts to secure a Federal Constitutional Amendment we shall double them, if possible. In the past four years, by taking our convention away from the capital, we surely have lost very much of the prestige and power we formerly had with Congress. And ~~///~~ I fear very many of the delegates have either lost sight or were never possessed of the primal end and aim of our National organization, viz., that of securing

from Congress the passage of a resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to so amend the Federal Constitution as to prohibit the States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex. To do this we must get a two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress; and our only hope of getting this vote is to keep "pegging away on that line" if it takes another half century, not once in two years, but every year, and that with renewed earnestness of purpose and increased numbers of delegates from all the States to importune their representatives in person.

Then for State propaganda we should hold several National conferences each spring and autumn in such States as have suffrage amendments or constitutional conventions pending, thus throwing the weight of our national body's influence where it will be of most immediate practical benefit. To illustrate: This year I would have given National conferences to the largest cities of South Dakota and

Washington, instead of to Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio (twice over), Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and each of the New England States had the proposed sweep been carried out; and next year I would hold National conferences in the State or States which should then have precipitated the question before the people for immediate action, as Michigan and California, should they vote for constitutional conventions.

After we have done all we can to influence Congress and the States in which practical action is pending, then let us carry our propaganda to the other States where we feel we can do most toward preparing the way for a hopeful precipitation of amendments. This policy, it seems to me, will most surely and speedily bring to the women of the nation their citizen's right to have their opinions counted at the ~~ballot~~ ballot-box.

I do not want the States to do less in and for themselves, but I do want all of them to combine their powers and concentrate them upon Congress. There can

be efficient State societies without a national association, but there can be no efficient national organization except through and by the combination of those societies in the several States.

(Dictated)

Sincerely yours

Isaac D. Anthony

Autograph
S. B. Anthony.

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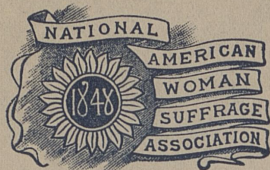
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

August 10, 1898.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington,
Ky.

My Dear Friend: --

When in Washington I don't know whether you took in my pet scheme of raising a large Standing Fund for the Enfranchisement of Women, only the interest of which should be used from year to year. Enclosed is an appeal I have written concerning it. I would like to know whether it is such as would set you, your sisters and your mother, to thinking it your duty when you distribute your property to give or bequeath something to this fund.

I know the first thought that comes to you must be, "Who are to be the trustees?" I have thought that perhaps the eight women who now constitute our Business Committee would be good ones, and then twelve more must be found, with perhaps five or six men among them, so as to make the board of trustees number twenty. I have written asking for the constitution and by-laws of the Peabody Fund, but have not yet succeeded in getting them.

I am sure that the time has fully come when the demands for money to carry on our work cannot be met by annual beggings, and I do not see any prospect of the State societies increasing their number of members to such an extent as to bring in any appreciable amount of money. The little they pay in, as things are now, is nothing compared to the amount we have to beg. While I am perfectly willing to bequeath to all of the young women who may come after me, the hard work involved in carrying on our movement I feel bound to relieve them of something harder still -- that is, the worry and anxiety of never knowing where to turn for the money to

(Miss Clay)

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foot the bills.

I want you to look over this appeal and try to make it stronger, wherever possible, so that it shall reach the head and the heart and the conscience of everyone who receives it.

My other and smaller scheme, the Press Bureau, has already received sufficient money to make sure of its establishment in the autumn, or as soon as the war spirit has settled down enough to make it seem possible for the world to look at and listen to anything upon the suffrage question.

Very sincerely yours,

Susan B. Anthony

(Dictated)

P.S. - Do give me any names you feel some would be practical & strong for the board - and give my best love to your precious heroic mother & sisters - I suppose you are or all have been out to your farms looking after the harvest!! S.B.A.

EAug 10, 1898

My Dear Friend: --

This is to place before you a proposition for insuring a certain income for to carry on the work of suffrage from year to year, so as to relieve the young women who will have the responsibility of managing our national association in the very near future of at least part of their financial burden and thus leave them more time and strength for pushing forward the cause.

As you doubtless know, those who have stood at the head of this movement for the last half century have had no possible way of getting money to use for it except that of asking contributions from friends who were interested, and as nearly all this time I have been one of those at the front I have necessarily taken a large part in planning and executing the work, as well as in begging the money to pay for it. I can testify that fully ~~1/2~~ one half the anxiety, the worry and the toil of my part has consisted in not knowing where to turn for money to foot the bills.

In what necessarily must be the last years of my public service, I want to be instrumental in raising a permanent fund for the cause and placing it in the hands of a committee of fifteen or twenty good business women to invest to the best of their judgment, disbursing only the interest each year to carry forward the work. My aim is ^{\$100,000} ~~\$1,000,000~~ and as much more as may be. Of course, with such a modest fund the interest each year would be but a very small part of the sum needed, but it would be a certainty.

The contributions to the national association amounted last year in round numbers to \$14,000, and the year preceding to nearly \$12,000. A large proportion of these were from workingwomen and did not exceed one dollar each, and hundreds of them were only twenty-five cents. If the friends possessed of wealth gave annually according to their means we should be certain each year of raising an amount of money equal to the demands of the work.

the surface, but they fell flat on the convention, and were neither discussed nor acted upon. The papers got possession of them, however, and Free Love were adopted as part of the platform, read "Free Love" between

What I now ask, my dear friend, is that you will contribute to the Standing Fund for the Enfranchisement of Women as much as your good will to our cause dictates and your circumstances may permit. If your estate will not allow of your giving any considerable sum in your lifetime, then will you send me a writing, duly signed, stating that in your will you have bequeathed a certain number of thousands of dollars to this fund?

I have had this in mind two years or more, but have been unable to find time to write to the friends who I felt would be glad thus to help our good cause after they could no longer portion out their own contributions year by year. I hope you read the account in the Atlantic for February, 1897, of the George Peabody Fund and the great work it had done during its first thirty years. That fund was \$1,000,000 and was placed in the hands of a committee of sixteen, with power to fill vacancies, only one of whose original members is now living. The interest paid from it to help schools throughout the South amounted to \$1,200,000, so that in thirty years the trustees had been able to expend a sum larger than the principal itself, and yet had that still left to give them an equal sum to expend during the next thirty.

Year by year the needs of our suffrage work become ^{and greater,} greater, and I beg of you to aid in this effort to secure a certain ~~sum~~ income with which to start into each New Year. Thus the young women who may be elected to stand at the head of our movement will not be subjected to the necessity of begging every dollar to pay for postage, printing, lectures and expenses of all sorts for the several States struggling to carry on the educational work necessary to place the ballot in the hands of women.

Hoping you will give this proposition your careful thought, and let me know at your early convenience what you can and will do, I am,

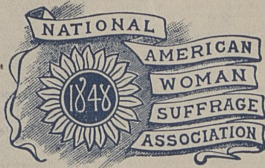
Very sincerely yours,

of boons, the ballot.

Sioux City (Iowa) Daily Tim

Miss Anthony's lecture on Wednesday evening was full of good, sound, common sense, and an opponent of woman suffrage said it was the most sensible speech he ever heard on the subject. Wyoming was highly complimented as being the first Territory to recognize the equality of woman, and pronounced as much ahead of her

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August 11th 1898

Dear Friend!-

For 50 years women have worked for the betterment of their own condition. In this work they have been exceedingly unselfish. In case of war, famine, disaster or disease they have not only cheerfully-laid aside their own cause but they have worked to ameliorate the conditions confronting them. In this they were right, But they have gone further and made the question of woman's progress secondary to all others. In this they were not right, for the progress of woman means the progress of the race.

In two years I will be eighty and will, as you know, have given many years to the question of woman's development, and I write to ask you if in the coming two years you will not promise to give to the question of woman's political advancement the first place instead of second. Will you do this? Will you identify yourself and attempt to have your friends identify themselves with with the local suffrage club in your town? Will you use your social position to this end? If there is no club in your town will you attempt to organize one? Will you make it your business for the next two years to see that the suffrage sentiment in your community is crystallized? If you are willing to do this then women need not wait another 50 years to find their real place in this commonwealth, and if you promise this then shall I pass my eightieth birthday rejoicing.

Yours sincerely, etc.

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Office of the President.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 1st, 1898.

Dear Friend:--

Women are fast taking their places in the industrial and professional world, at which fact I greatly rejoice. Are you not acquainted with some such women in your vicinity? Can you not explain to them that fifty years ago a few of us began fighting the battle, which has made it possible for them to stand where they now do? Will you not ask them to show their gratitude by contributing at least one dollar for our Association? With these dollars we can push the work still further till all women inside the home, as well as outside, shall be free to do as their consciences dictate, rather than as custom demands.

Yours sincerely,

Susan B. Anthony

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IN ANSWER TO MRS. McCULLOCH'S LETTER OF MAY 16.

As Mrs. Catt in her letter of May 24 has answered each of Mrs. McCulloch's points, I will run through it.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS. It is of vital importance that we should hold these more frequently. Can you not all manage to meet here at our home during the summer? Each of you will be taking an outing somewhere, and you might just as well all pass through this city and stop for two or three days. I propose to spend the entire summer at home.

EXPENSES AGAIN. "As Miss Anthony did not succeed in raising money to pay for the expensive hall in Washington." You all of you know that the last has been an exceptional year of the fifty with me, and that had I been in my usual state of freedom I should have taken the bits in my teeth, gone to Washington and at least tried not only to raise the money but to work up the convention myself, for the Washington convention requires very different manipulation from one held in a rural city. So there is no one to blame but just you, president, and she is not one particle sorry that she insisted on going with the meeting into a first-class opera house.

THE BULLETIN. I don't recommend giving it up, but I would like it to be made a great deal more practical, and in its next number I hope there will be something to stir up the local and State clubs throughout the country to feel that instead of stopping their home work they should redouble their energies and get up celebrations, bazaars, etc. I don't agree with Mrs. Catt about trying to avoid letting the anti-suffrage folks know what we are doing. They have their spies out as well as Spain, but I believe in having one little, practical document sent to our workers ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ all over the country every month. Somehow or other, it does seem to me that the locals ought to contribute enough to pay for the Bulletin. I think it is marvelous that the leaflets have come so near paying their own way, and if they do not sink us in debt any deeper than \$30, each year, I should surely continue them; for there is scarcely a week when there does not come up some new incident in regard to suffrage, which should be put in a permanent leaflet.

ORGANIZATION. Mrs. Catt's statement of her plan of managing this work seems to me satisfactory. I don't think, however, that in the financial statement money paid for hall-rent, posters, etc. should be charged to the name of Miss May or any other organizer. And then in the statement of the expenses of the convention which Mrs. Upton sent, it seemed to me petty to say by whose order posters, pens and ink and paper pads were bought. It is quite enough if the money has been paid out and the committee approved of it, without saying which individual transacted the business.

There, I believe I have touched on every point which has been under discussion by the different members of the committee. -- So let us have trust in each other, and all study how to get the best results.

Affectionately yours,

(Dictated)

Susan D. Anthony

P.S. - I now have \$1,000 in Bank waiting for Press Bureau - but I agree with Mrs Harper that she should begin it until this war is over - S. D. A.

(Business Committee)

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IN ANSWER TO MRS. McCULLCOH'S LETTER OF MAY 16.

W. J. Anthony
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