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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 1st, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

I have a letter from Mrs. Catt to-day, written on board the Steamer Zealand on Oct. 24th, in which she says that she was just about to leave "Mollie" in Berlin and was going to Austria and Hungary, when she found she had to return to the United States and I cannot tell whether Miss May was to come wither or not, but at the conclusion of her letter I thought <sup>she</sup> did. She says she is to be at the Marie Antoinette for a few weeks, then she is going to Iowa to spend Christmas with her mother; then she returns to Europe. She says when her term of office expires she expects to settle down in some warm corner of her native land.

She then gives me some good advice, the same advice which you give me, the same advice which I give you and her, the same advice which none of us heed, namely, not to work so hard. She says she hopes our Committee meeting at Warren was all we wished it to be and that we were all filled with courage, that we were all in good health, and full of faith and hope, etc.

Then she adds a post-script four days later in which she gives me some information about the International Minutes, etc., and then she says that when I make out the list of pioneers, or retired lists of those too old to work, she wants me to put her on the list because a woman fully sixty years old had come to her on the ship and said that she, Mrs. Catt, had converted her, the lady, when she was a little girl, and that another woman had lately told her that she remembered her first speech, which she made in Tremont Temple in 1872! She puts all this in a very funny way.

She talks about Oregon and Oklahoma and says that our first awful blow, as suffragists, came to us in the Kansas campaign. She never seems to get that Kansas campaign out of her mind. I am glad I was not in it. All I tried to do was to raise some money and keep the books; somehow that sort of thing did not seem to queer me as the real campaign did the rest of you.

I also have a letter from Miss Gordon written from Venice on the 16th. She is very anxious about the work and about the Business Committee meeting. She was surprised to think Mrs. Boyer has gone to Oklahoma, but she says:

" It is good news, for I have the greatest confidence in her ability and her conscientious willingness to serve the suffrage cause. I wish she might be given free rein and I further wish that the form of campaign might take the personal interview form with men of influence and parlor meetings with women ".

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She then asks me what the status of the signatures is. If any of you know, let her know. She also says that under no circumstances do we allow the getting of signatures to discontinue. She says she hopes to be home the 1st of December, but if they do they will have to give up their trip to Germany and she doesnot know whether she can manage to do that or not. She says she thinks it would be very nice if Washington could elect Mrs. Parker instead of Mrs. De Voe for president.

She says she does not think the thousands of dollars which we spent in Oregon has gone up in smoke. The rest of her letter is about her trip; but I knew that you were anxious to hear from her.

Cordially yours,

HTU-J.

*Marric Taylor Whiton*  
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P. S.

A note from Laura Gregg says that she was engaged by Nebraska for a month; her time expires Nov. 17th.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

You will remember that in the summer, when I was overly-anxious about Oklahoma, I tried to see who could go to the Territories, provided we were forced to take up the work in Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona. No matter what strings I pulled, or how I worked to get a Colorado speaker, I could only get the names of Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Conine, and I considered the latter entirely out of the question, so I never wrote her, and of course never had any word from her at all.

However, I did learn from Ellis Meredith that she would be willing to go to Oklahoma to do newspaper work, etc., if we cared to have her, after the November election, and could stay there until some time in January when she would have to be writing letters from the State Legislature.

In the meantime, I had a letter from Mrs. Bradford, saying Miss Shaw had talked with her about going to Oklahoma to work; and she seemed to be rather expecting to go.

I had a letter from Mrs. Munds a short time ago, in which she asked for Mrs. Bradford, as you will remember.

To-day I have a letter from Mrs. Meredith, part of which I shall copy for you, saying she has been drifting around, not having much to do, and was rather sorry she had not taken up the work, when suddenly she was elected vice-chairman of the Democratic Committee, and has been very busy; she expects to do the newspaper work, as she wrote me; and therefore thinks she will have to stay in

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Colorado, but that she is interested in suffrage work, and adds: "I have a friend who could go and would be glad to, I am sure, and that is Mrs. Churchill, whom you will remember in Washington. She has served two years as President of the State Federation of Clubs since then, and has become accustomed to speaking to all sorts and conditions, and she knows the interests of the women of the State from traveling all over it a number of times. She is fairly well posted on legislation, etc., etc., because the federation takes up all these things through its committees, and then she is personally interested anyhow. She is a lovely woman to look at, and has a most ~~kind~~ lovable and generous nature, and would make us friends wherever she went. Her children are all grown, and she is free to take this work up; she has a husband, - but, - would be better off without, though I haven't been able to persuade her to act accordingly. I believe she could do splendid work in the field you wrote of, for even if she has not had exactly that experience she has had to meet and win over people who think clubs as bad or worse than voting. I wish you would write me about this, and whether you think anything could be done to open up the way for her. She does not elucate, but talks simply and sincerely of what she knows."

I have written Mrs. Meredith that I have referred this matter to the Business Committee, now that you are all home and ready for work.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 1st., 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I return Mrs. Boyer's letters. I am glad you sent them to me. I agree with you that the Ok. Headquarters should be taken for this month; and I shall vote that way, if it comes to a vote. I am in favor of doing all our resources permit for Oklahoma. You have acted with great judgment all the time, I think; you did all that you could, and until we can get some helpers in the field I do not see how we could do more. I wish you had told Mrs. Boyer to use postage freely; it is the cheapest work that can be done, and it does seem that she should not be hampered in the work she can do by calculations of how much postage she is using. I have heard nothing of Miss Gregg's and Miss Chase's answers to our offer of employment.

I wish Miss Shaw would put the Ok. correspondence in your hands; for she is too much from home to have such important correspondence waiting on her. But I made some such suggestion at the Portland convention, and was not encouraged to repeat it; so I said nothing at Warren.

I am busy at my convention work, and shall not move into my flat till that is over, or about the 1st of December.

I shall try to get a resolution passed by the State Fed. of Labor in Louisville. I am typing by gas light, hardly seeing the lines, so excuse mistakes.

Love to all.

Cordially yours,

P.S. I have received the note paper. It is prt

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Warren, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter of Nov. 1st is just this minute here. I am very glad to have you say you approve of my action in regard to the Oklahoma affairs. I did the best I could. I know that Mrs. Boyer will feel relieved that both of us voted for the renting of Headquarters for another month. I have sent her the money with which to pay the rent.

Miss Shaw is still in the field, but Mrs. Avery has finally reached her Swarthmore house and yesterday I received word that she had begun the correspondence about Oklahoma. You see Miss Shaw knows that she herself cannot do it, but she wants it done under her direction and detailed it to Mrs. Avery. Mrs. Avery is so fair and capable that I feel sure it will go all right.

I hope your convention will go off as well as the West Virginia and Ohio Conventions did; I was so encouraged by the latter.

Glad you liked the note paper.

Shall be anxious to hear from the State Federation of Labor.

Have had no word from either Miss Gregg or Miss Chase in regard to Oklahoma. Business letters in regard to Arizona etc. must have crossed yours.

Cordially yours,

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Warren, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Clippings are coming into this office by the bushel in regard to the English situation. Almost every Southern paper which reaches this office has something about it and although the majority of the editors decide against the suffragists, still occasionally a paper comes out and stands up for them.

When we wrote to the newspapers asking them to take our material we also asked them if they would write editorials now and then. We sent a tabulated statement on which they were to reply. Of course a good many of them said they would. Now we are getting a good deal of editorial matter, especially in the Southern papers. I am very thankful for this because it is a new field.

The other day a paper in Texas had a whole column on Mrs. Burton's attention to Senator Burton and it said there was no use in talking against the splendid qualities of women and spoke of them from our stand-point, not the "angel" side, and closed with the statement that if the case had been reversed Senator Burton would not have taken up his lodgings near the Penitentiary in order to comfort and minister to his wife.

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am enclosing a letter from Miss Shaw, which explains itself. Please return it to me at your convenience. As this matter really comes before our sub-committee, I thought you ought to know her opinion..

I believe Miss Shaw is right in saying we ought to have definite plans, and keep to that line; but I think that in many cases we have not begun early enough. I would like to have someone go now to Arizona and look over the field, and it ought to be the right person; but we have no money, and the right person does not seem to be in view; so it may be as well to let it go.

I have been reading the Arizona papers, and of the commotion there in regard to joint Statehood. The Oklahoma papers which come to me are Democratic, the Arizona papers Republican. The Republican papers in Arizona are mostly opposed to joint Statehood. Do you know how the Democrats stand? If so, let me know.

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending you a letter from Mr. Sain, of the Coos Bay Harbor. He writes every once in a while to this office in just that strain. I do not want to send it to Miss Shaw, because she is going to have a hard time when she gets home, with her office upside down and only a few days in which to work. He seems to me to be a regular idiot. I wrote him once that if married women left their homes and went into Oregon or any other State the whole country would say it was wrong for them to be leaving their homes, husbands and babies, and when single women went there was some other objection; that if we couldn't have married women, or women who were not married, I didn't see how we were going to manage.. Please return the letter to me.

I have a letter this morning from Mrs. Boyer, and I think things are getting into better shape. I am afraid we sort of scared her on the expense matter, and she is more careful now. She does say such funny things that one cannot help laughing, although the situation has been so serious.

Mrs. Avery has finally gotten into her house at Swarthmore, and has begun to take hold of things and get out letters. She is such a good manager that I feel much better this morning,- that is, I feel that I am going to have some help that amounts to something. By the way, after the B.C. meeting and everyone gone, I began to get sick, fainted away twice one night, and I did feel that I would have to keep away from the office a little while, but the

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pressure has been so great I could not do it.

We have been having a lot of trouble, too, with Progress, in getting it re-admitted as second class matter. I am turning over to the girls every possible bit of care that I can, and hope that I can arrange to remain out of the office part of each afternoon. It really isn't much rest to do this, because there is so much to do in the house, and the only way one can rest is to pull out from home; but under the circumstances I cannot do this.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO



Swarthmore, Pa., Nov. 5, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have just reached home and I assure you that after having been in an almost continual convention for seven weeks, I am very glad of this one day at home, though it isn't a whole day, for I didn't arrive here until nearly noon, having lectured in Lynn, Mass., last night and then taking the midnight train from Boston, reaching home about noon to-day. I find, of course, a great batch of letters which will require many days to answer, but Oklahoma is the most important and, therefore, I am going to tell you what I have done in regard to it.

You will remember that at our Business Committee meeting, it was decided to ask Dr. Woods to go immediately to Oklahoma and I wrote her before I left Warren and have only just received her answer that she cannot go. Mrs. Meredith has also written that she cannot go and when I saw Miss Chase, she said it would be impossible for her to go from New Hampshire for some weeks. That you see reduced us to Miss Gregg and Mrs. Bradford of those about whom we talked when we were at headquarters. Therefore, I have written to Mrs. Bradford asking if she would be ready to go to Oklahoma the last of this month. You know she cannot go until after the election and the reason I said the last of this month is because I think it would be absolutely foolish at this time to send Mrs. Bradford throughout the state to visit the clubs which have already been organized and particularly unwise to ask her to organize new clubs, because she is not in any sense a club organizer. The work which she should do in this campaign is the personal interviewing of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention. I wish she were a little more tidy in her dress, but since she isn't, of course, we have to take her as she is. She is a convincing talker and I am very sure would have a good influence, but I don't think it would pay us to have her go until the time that the Constitutional Convention convenes and then she should go directly to Guthrie where the sessions are to be held and look the field over and start in with her work of interviewing members.

I have also written Miss Gregg asking her to go immediately to Guthrie on the close of her engagement in Nebraska, which is the 17th of this month. When Miss Gregg was in Oklahoma before, she made Guthrie her headquarters and when I was in the state I felt that she had made a very good impression there. The people seemed to be very hospitable and kindly disposed toward her and as I have learned from Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Bigger the Guthrie Club has only met once since Miss Guthrie left the city and is in such a dead state that they can hardly get answers to their letters. Now it is important at least during the Constitutional Convention that that club should be revived and I thought the best thing for Miss Gregg to do would be to go directly to Guthrie, revive that club and then through the club and in the name of Mrs. Bigger's engage headquarters for the workers during the Constitutional Convention.

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#### HEADQUARTERS.

Of course, it is impossible for us at this distance to judge wisely as to what should and should not be done in Oklahoma, but I confess that when I learned they had engaged headquarters in Oklahoma City when the Convention is to sit in Guthrie, I was very much disturbed, but it now seems that they only engaged the headquarters there with the purpose of moving them later on to Guthrie. This doesn't seem to me to have been a very wise plan, because the time is so short between securing the headquarters in Oklahoma City and moving them to Guthrie that people would hardly become accustomed to their being in Oklahoma before the new address would be given for Guthrie and then it would necessitate additional expense and loss of time to establish two headquarters. It seems to me it would have been much wiser to have gone directly to Guthrie in the first place, but since it hasn't been done, I hope that the headquarters will be established in Guthrie by the last of this month, because it is there where the work will have to be done with the Constitutional Convention.

I have written to Mrs. Biggers and Mrs. Boyer in regard to headquarters and urged them to get established in Guthrie as soon as possible so as to waste no time after the Convention meets.

#### MRS. CHURCHILL.

I don't know how the rest of you feel about employing a woman to go to Oklahoma whom none of us know, even on the recommendation of Mrs. Meredith. You know we have personal friends whose good qualities we are apt to see ourselves but who would not appeal to other people as they do to us, and I should hesitate about engaging anyone simply on the recommendation of somebody else, unless we knew something about the work and ability of the person. Since we all agreed that we should employ Mrs. Bradford at the time of the Constitutional Convention, I think it would be well to consult her as to who would be the best person to work with her from Colorado, if we decide that it would be best to have another Colorado woman there. Of course, this doesn't preclude trying to get Judge Lindsay or some other leading Colorado man to make our address before the Constitutional Convention Committee when the time comes for that address to be made. I do wish we could get Mrs. Grenfel to go and work with Mrs. Bradford for a while. She would be my choice of all the women whom I have seen in Colorado. We certainly don't want to get a weak woman from that state, it would be better to have none at all.

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION.

I have been wanting to state to the Business Committee for some time that I should like to have perfect freedom whenever I saw a thing should be done immediately to do it without waiting to consult the Committee. There are frequent occurrences at the present time coming up when action has to be taken immediately or not at all, as in the case this morning of Miss Gregg to go to Oklahoma and of Mrs. Bradford, and particularly a case which occurred when I was in New Hampshire last week.

You probably all read in the papers that the lower house of the Vermont Legislature passed the Municipal and Town Suffrage Bill by a vote of 130 to

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25 and that it was then referred to the Senate. That was done on October 25th, if I remember correctly. I tried to find out what the Vermont people were doing in regard to it but could learn nothing. On Tuesday, the 30th, I went to New Hampshire and saw in the morning Boston paper that Mrs. George, the leader of the anti-suffragists in New Hampshire, had gone to Vermont to work with the Vermont Legislature against the Suffrage Bill. I immediately telegraphed Mrs. Chandler, of Barton Landing, Vermont, to know if the Senate had yet voted on the measure and received a reply stating they had not. You all doubtless know that Miss Moore, who has been the leader in Vermont for many years, died last month and that the President of the State is an elderly man, a good man, but not one who would be apt to be on the spot looking after the interests of the bill. So I asked Miss Chase if she would not go over to Montpelier, investigate what Mrs. George was doing and see what we could do to press our side of the measure. This seemed both to Miss Chase and to others with whom I consulted as advisable, so the morning of the 1st of November, which was the morning after her State Convention closed, Miss Chase immediately went over to Montpelier. I enclose a copy of the letter which I have just received from her, so you will know the conditions there. I have asked Miss Chase to remain in Montpelier as long as she thinks she will be useful or until a vote is taken on the bill. This same bill passed the Vermont Senate last winter by only three dissenting votes and the majority in the House was so large this time that unless they are playing a game with us as they do in some states, passing it first in one house and then defeating it in the other, there is at least a fair chance of its going through. At any rate, I felt we should be on hand doing the best we could to help it through, and as Miss Chase has been in the state so much and taught there for seven years and has worked with the Vermont suffragists a great deal so that she is well known, she is the best person we could have on the ground.

Now I had to do this and assure her that the National would stand back of her expenses without consulting anyone, for had I waited to do so, it would have been too late to have been of any use, and I feel that with the conditions as they are at present, I shall have to do many things of this sort and I want to feel that the Business Committee will stand by me so far as they are able to accept my judgment of the best things to be done.

#### STATE CONVENTIONS.

Since leaving home in September, I have visited eleven states, attending suffrage conventions in most of them, and while they are not as large as they have been on some former occasions, the enthusiasm is quite as good and the zeal and interest on the part of the workers themselves better than I have ever known it. This is particularly true of the organizations outside of our own and their willingness to co-operate and their recognition of the want of suffrage. I think that body blow which was struck at the biennial in St. Paul has been a tremendous help to us. To-morrow I go to the Delaware State Convention and on Friday to the Pennsylvania Convention. Later on in the month I shall attend the Maryland and Kentucky Conventions. This will close my state conventions for the fall and I shall be thankful enough to get settled down at home for a while and clean up some of the office work which has been accumulating so long. Being a half dozen people at the same time isn't so easy as it may seem.

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MISS CHASE.

In regard to Miss Chase, the reason she could not leave New Hampshire at this time is she found her state work in such shape that it needs her assistance. Of course, she cannot run the risk of losing several years of good work in building up her state after having been in Oregon so long, and the women are very much exercised to have her go out at all, but she must arrange matters so that the legislative work can be carried on without her if she goes away later in the season and this she is trying to do. They have made Mrs. Wood, who was formerly the President of the Federation of Clubs and is the Vice-President of the State, the Chairman of their Legislative Committee and Miss Chase wants to have things all arranged so that if she is to be away during the legislative session, Mrs. Wood can look after it, but this will take some little time after she gets back to New Hampshire from Vermont. Consequently, she will not be able to leave the state probably before the 1st of January, then if Dr. Jones, of West Virginia, wants her assistance, I think it would be well for her to go there for a little while and give Dr. Jones a little help. That looks like the best field for her to start in upon, because Dr. Jones really needs the help and then it is a milder climate than some of the more northern states and I think in the very dead of winter, we would better do our work as far south as we can. Miss Chase had a very hard winter last year in Oregon, being in the northern part of the state and tramping around in the snow, and if we can give her a little easier time for the winter, it would be well. Of course, if we have to carry on an aggressive campaign in Oklahoma, she will have to go there, but unless this is done, I think West Virginia for a few weeks would be the best place for her.

I was delighted at reading Mrs. Upton's account of the West Virginia meeting and that Dr. Jones has been elected President of the State, and while she is a very busy woman, she is a woman who is so highly respected and has worked before the Legislature for certain reforms which have appealed to the people of the state in such a way as to give her a position of confidence not only as a philanthropist and a suffragist, but as a woman who is interested in the general welfare of the state. I certainly hope that under her direction at least the small association we may gather together in West Virginia will be of such a character as to be of service whenever a campaign is begun there.

Faithfully yours,

*Burr H. Shaw*

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Warren, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Every little while some of you speak to me as if I carried too much of the work in my own hands; that is, that I do not delegate enough of it to the office force or lay enough of the responsibility upon them. I have just had a letter from Mrs. Catt in which she cautions me in regard to this. She says one reason she broke down under the work was that she attended too much to details and thus she let many big things go by, too. She was not criticizing, but cautioning me. She seems to think that I am doing the same way. I hope that none of you feel that I am. I realize that Mrs. Catt did and I know what the result was with her. The truth is, I study all the time how to economize time and how to throw responsibility upon the girls in the office.

Mrs. Catt says she opened all the mail and sorted it and all that sort of thing, and that I ought not to do it. This is just the sort of thing I do not do. Miss Ray opens all the mail; she stamps it with the date, sorts it into piles, the orders for Progress and literature in one pile, the Business Committee letters and important letters in another pile and the unimportant letters in another; if there is anything in the Progress letters or in the order letters which refers to the general work, I read them; otherwise I do not. Miss Ray tends to all that. She puts the names on the subscription list, fills the orders, and also sends a postcard to the subscribers and letters or postal-cards to the others, depending upon whether we have to enclose a receipt or not. I do not dictate any of these letters. Miss Ray also makes all the stencils; I know nothing whatever about making a stencil or running the mimeograph. She also gets out all the press articles.

When we first took the press work I did all the letters in regard to it, that is, solicited the newspapers and wrote to the chairmen of the press committees, and all that sort of thing, but now the press letters are all turned over to Miss Andrews; she solicits the newspapers, and carries on all the correspondence with the chairmen. She only consults me occasionally and in fact, I try to have all the consultation go to Elizabeth. She also keeps a card register of the press work, which gives us the names of all the papers we have and the condition they are in, and the names of the chairmen. She also attends to all the convention date work. The Russell's dates go to her, she writes the letters to the State Presidents, sending them the dates for their convention. Of course she has to consult me in regard to what persons shall go to the other National conventions, but she writes all the letters. In fact, I have little by little ridden myself of the care of this work and I consider that both these girls take a good share of the responsibility. I really think you would be proud if you could see how I have let go of that work.

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Miss Reilly and Miss Osborne do most of the stenographic work. Miss Andrews is a splendid stenographer, but she is so loaded up with other things that she has not time for much stenography nowadays. Miss Osborne does all the filing; she keeps track of all the files; I do not have anything whatever to do with it and I never even go near the file case.

Miss Reilly, as a rule, has the correspondence of the Business Committee and has entire charge of the selling and getting off of the histories. She keeps the correspondence with the different libraries and has entire charge of that work.

Miss Minnie Hauser keeps the books. I do not touch them at all. She makes the statements, draws the checks, and all money, and all orders go through her hands. There is much more book-keeping than would be supposed in an office like this because so much of the money comes in little dribs. There are some small contributions and all the orders for literature and all the subscriptions for Progress are small amounts. Of course we must keep a ledger because each account must be by itself. We must know how much the literature costs us; also campaigns, and all that sort of thing. Then as we make our annual statements according to States, these same amounts are drawn off into a State-book.

Of course there is no use of my telling you what Elizabeth does because she is a part of myself.

Now then there is no end of things which are miscellaneous and which each girl in the office does part of. For instance, we address 10,000 envelopes for Progress and whenever there is a lull they work at this. We have just gotten out a letter soliciting funds and Miss Minnie Hauser has addressed these envelopes from the Journal. The press envelopes have to be addressed each week and they are not few, as you can know. There is always reading of proof on the literature and Progress, and the getting out of the programs; also the folding and getting out of Progress. We started a few years ago to make a card register of the suffragists in the states, and where we had no special organization, like Indiana and Wisconsin, etc. We continue this all the time, at odd moments. None of this detail work do I do. I am not very well fitted for it in the first place, and in the second place, as I can originate things and plan things, I feel that it is not right for me to take my time for that stuff.

I do not know as it is at all necessary for me to write this letter, but I have thought about it a great deal as little suggestions have come to me now and then and I do want you to know that I do try to look at the larger side of the work and try to throw the responsibility of the work upon the girls and I assure you they are only too willing to take all I give them and all they have the strength to do.

HTU-J.O.

Cordially yours,

*Karrie Taylor Whitow*



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1906.

Dear Friend:

It is authoritatively stated that one child in every six in this country between the ages of 10 and 16 years is engaged in wage earning. Indirectly this affects us all; directly it comes perilously near affecting many of us. Mrs. Florence Kelley believes the enfranchisement of women is indispensable to the solution of the child labor problem. To the National American Woman Suffrage Association belongs the duty of taking the initiative in all efforts to secure political equality for women. It almost would appear, however, that the day of basing our claim simply on our inherent right to self-government, has gone by. Ought we not now to demand it as the only means whereby we can help to save the honor of our nation? The physical, mental and moral welfare of the children must be a paramount consideration if the citizenship of tomorrow is to be in any degree a worthy one.

Our duty is plain. Let us consecrate ourselves anew to this holy warfare, each giving such service as he or she can best give. The one way in which all can help is to contribute money. Only a few can give much, but the many can give a little each. In making this appeal it is but fair that we should set before you the present financial condition of the Association.

The Bazar which we held in New York in 1900 put upwards of \$8,000 into the Treasury. Because of this we were able to set apart for campaigns the several bequests which have come to us within the

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past six years. This policy enabled us to do active work in Oklahoma and Indian Territory in preparation for the present condition, and to carry on such a campaign in Oregon as has never before been known in the history of our movement. We have also given substantial aid to the Municipal Suffrage Campaigns of Wheeling, W. Va., and of Chicago. The Association has grown steadily, and is to-day numerically stronger, as well as on a better business basis than ever before. Its needs have multiplied as well, and never were there so many definite opportunities for telling work as now. We shall not be able to start the year 1907 with a balance in our reserve fund, as we have done for several years, and when we meet in annual Convention in Chicago in February, we shall have exhausted every dollar in our Treasury.

What will you do for the Association in 1907? Pledges made now, or at the Chicago Convention, may be redeemed any time before Jan. 1, 1908. All the money solicited between now and then will be asked for in memory of Miss Anthony. Surely the knowledge of her inestimable service to the cause of human liberty will call forth such an outpouring of "thank offerings" as shall prove us worthy to be her followers. We can do more work and do it better than ever before if each believer will contribute as he or she is able.

Yours faithfully,

Dictated-

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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We are mailing these letters with enclosed note.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

Nov. 9, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have a seven page letter from Dr. Cora Smith Eaton. I wish you could all read it, because it is full of such good news, but as you cannot, I want to tell you two or three things which interest us all. She says that the Pacific Coast ~~WASH~~ women are appalled by the fight which the liquor men put up in Oregon and that it has set them all to studying conditions of success and defeat, and they are wondering if after all a still hunt is not a better sort of campaign. She says when she thinks of the splendid fight we made with the press almost unanimously for us and yet we are so overwhelmingly defeated, she is dumfounded. She says there is the greatest kind of sentiment in the state of Washington. She says when women voted there were many of them who served on juries and served as bailiffs, &c. and when these women are introduced to audiences, they fairly grow eloquent on the subject of suffrage.

She says their convention was very small, but it was very good; that Dr. Cummings had prepared a very dignified speech which she had learned, and as she is an orator, she made a good impression, but when she got excited, she dropped into camp meeting style. For instance, when a lot of new members were announced, she started the convention to singing the Doxology. Dr. Cora said she was glad she was spared that scene as she was at the hospital with a delirious patient. She says Dr. Cummings feels rather hurt at not being re-elected and blames her, Dr. Cora. She says Mrs. Cee is taking hold of the State work.

She further says it looks more and more as if Washington would manage its own campaign, with Miss Adella M. Parker at the head. She says Mrs. Leckenby will probably be second, and that they will try to raise their own money, depending on the National for literature and speakers at the end.

She then says her family affairs are coming on nicely, that she makes enough to pay both running expenses of her house and office and pay something on her debts each month. I quote her post script.

"I wrote Mrs. Duniway a scorch; asked her how any spinal column could support such a wicked head as hers, and this letter delighted her. She wrote that she must see me, I was as good a tonic as tobacco sauce. And she poured out such virulence against the government that I am too scared to answer again. Only one way to treat her. Like a child's swing, "let the old cat die".

I don't know as Dr. Cora would intend me to let you know this, for the letter was rather a private one, but I thought it was rather funny for her to talk back to Abigail, since she is always so gentle.

Very truly yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton  
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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 10th, 1900.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Your letters since Nov. 5th have been duly received. I feel a great deal concern about your fainting and getting sick. I am not at all disposed to pass it over lightly. You say Mrs. Catt has said what we all say, - that is, not to work so hard; but that there seems no other way to do. Now I say that people can refrain from breaking themselves down, just as they can stop working after they are broken down, because they must. I think if I had been told, before I had nervous prostration, that if I permitted myself to work beyond my strength I would lose one-half of my usefulness for ten years, to say nothing of pain and weariness, I might have taken warning and saved myself. So I say now to you. Altogether apart from my feeling for you, which is tender, I dread to think of another worker falling out of our ranks, like Mrs. Catt, because her zeal overran a judicious care of herself. I am not going to give you any specific advice, for I know that is too hard for me to do; but I do say that I shall uphold you in any abstinence from work that will still give us the benefit of your experience and your guidance of the office. Stay away every afternoon - stay away a week at a time, - your office force is efficient, and as long as you can hold them together and direct main lines you will do better for the Association than we could do if you stay on at the present rate and force us to lose you altogether.

I return Mr. Sain's letter. I may shock you, but I think there is a great deal of force in what he says. Leaving out his remarks about old maids, since we have no choice about our workers, I am beginning to reflect that this constant complaint of the National workers which comes from every state after

a campaign ought to suggest to us new ways of conducting campaigns. It reminds me of my former indignation when I was told that the chief opposition to enfranchisement came from women themselves. It took me years that might have been given to useful work to realize that this is true, and that we must educate women as well as men. Now I know that state feeling is as the apple of the eye to politicians. I believe that our Oregon campaign was as discreetly managed as human frailty permits. It is not our fault that our every word was criticized and suspected. It is not by us that resentment to affronts to state pride was aroused; but all the sensitiveness that every outsider has ever aroused was visited upon us; and that will be the case every time. I am thinking we must learn, and not be taught this expensive lesson any more. When I have talked of state rights sometimes it has been intimated to me that I judged only from a southern point of view. In Miss Chase's letter to Miss Shaw she says "I would not for the world have them know the National sent me here....They mightily dislike outside interference". So it seems that the New England states, which I supposed were an exception to what I knew to be the rule, have the same feeling of state's rights.

I would like to see a new policy developed on our part; and that is to make the development of the state's own workers the preliminary work of a campaign. You see now a reason why I so strongly approved of your giving Biggers clerical aid. We ought to have done ten times as much for her. We ought to have employed an Oklahoma helper for her, and have sent them two two over the state, if she would have gone. I am thankful that Miss Shaw made it her principal injunction to Mrs. Boyer to keep Mrs. Biggers to the front. I trust a similar injunction will be given Miss Gregg, now that she is to go here. Probably her experience in Oregon will give point to such an instruc-

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tion. Where is that Oklahoma woman whom Dr. Woods employed as an advance agent?

Cannot we employ her in some capacity? I know now that we could have found and trained Oregon workers for the money we spent in sending workers from the four quarters of the country, if it had been our effort to do so from the time we thought of a campaign. Perhaps they would not have been of as high order of talent, but they would have been incomparably more acceptable to the average voter. Let us not feel resentful to Mr. Sain and others like him; but let us "put our detractors to mending". I learned many things while I was in Oregon, and I intend to try not to forget them.

I return Miss Shaw's letter, also. Her decision must be final about sending Mrs. Bradford to Arizona, as in her more recent letter she tells us she is sending Mrs. Bradford to Oklahoma. She wants to "start on a definite line of work with a definite object in view". Now what do you think of our "definite line" consisting in training up their home women, with the distinct intention of leaving them to run their own campaign when the time comes? What would you think of finding an office woman, a press woman, and a public speaker, and beginning to employ them with National money, with the assistance of the Arizona Association? All three could be building up the Arizona Asso. preliminary a campaign.

I enclose an order for some supplies, but do not send the money, as I do not know what they will come to.

Love to all.

Always cordially yours,

Order for supplies. Nov. 10th, 1906.

The Fayette E.R.A. is going to have a S.B. Anthony Memorial next Friday.

Please send to me two of the little S.B. Anthony booklets, which I believe you sell for 25cents apiece, and any other literature you have on hand for such memorials.

I want one hundred of the leaflet by Antoinette Knowles, chairman of Church Work.

I want some of the program leaflets put out by the different chairmen.

If a price has been determined upon for the International Badge, let me know what it is for the three different styles.

Laura Clay.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO



November 12/1906

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have just completed the copy of Progress for the printer. I stayed away from the office Saturday afternoon, and am going home a little earlier to-day, because it is very stormy and my father did not come down, and I am always anxious when I am away from him. I will try for your sake and the sake of the work to take care of myself, but it is hard to do this with everything pressing. Then, too, Miss Shaw is very fault-finding, and I get down in the dumps under her criticism. The truth of the matter is she wants to run the Oklahoma business, and she knows more in a minute about such things than I do in all my life, but she has been in the field, she has had no home for a few weeks, she has no private secretary (?), and Mrs. Boyer has had to write to me. Although I could not answer her with authority, I did the best I could, and sent her letters on to Miss Shaw, and things got a little mixed. The other day I finally decided that Mrs. Boyer had been in suspense long enough, and I telegraphed Dr. Woods, who was in Missouri, to wire Mrs. Boyer. The last I heard from Miss Shaw they wanted Dr. Woods's address; and now Miss Shaw says I have taken undue liberties. She is all upset, poor thing, is tired almost to death, and has done splendid work in the fall conventions. I am unusually very sorry for her when she gets impatient, and it doesn't often trouble me, but just now I am tired and not so very well and I can't throw it off as I would ordinarily. I shall try to be good, though, as I said in the beginning.



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Elizabeth is still away, and I do hope she will get a good rest, for she needed it more than anyone I ever saw.

I have asked Miss Ray to put up your literature, and she will make a memorandum of what it costs and send it to you.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Wilson  
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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

As I have said many times, I really knew nothing of the inside workings of the Oregon campaign, but I have had several letters from a man named Sain, which I have never answered except to acknowledge them and tell him I knew nothing <sup>about the</sup> campaign or the people out there, so his suggestions to me are not of much account. Sometime ago I received a letter from him, copy of which I enclose. A day or two later I received his second letter, and am enclosing copy of it also. I suppose he has written some of the rest of you.

Now that Mrs. Daniway has been elected president of the Oregon Association and the report of that meeting is in the papers, I feel perfectly heart-sick to think of the way all the hard work and money were squandered. How can we do anything when we have this sort of people to deal with!

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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Office of the  
COOS BAY HARBOR.

North Bend, Oregon, Oct. 28, 1906.

Harriet Taylor Upton,  
Treasurer National American Women Suffrage Association,  
Warren, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to address my fellow Buckeye and to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 18th instant. I am also glad to say that I have always been an enthusiastic supporter of woman suffrage and did my best efforts in the last campaign in this state. ( This may help to account for the fact that we lost by ten thousand when on the previous occasion we came within two thousand of winning ) However, in the immediate vicinity where my paper circulates we carried Coos County and we carried our home precinct said to be the strongest anti-prohibition precinct in the state.

You say in your circular, " Any suggestions which you may have to make will be gratefully received. " Let us see if they will. I have had some correspondence with your leaders and I fear that my criticisms have not been taken kindly. But there should be some explanation for the big defeat we suffered at the election this year.

I took the time to point out at some length the causes that militated against us in that contest. I have also conferred in person with some of our Portland suffragists and we seem to agree perfectly. But my argument did not appear to meet with approval by those sent here to manage the campaign.

I can but refer to the matter briefly at this time and sound the warning that another campaign on similar lines will end in defeat.

In the first place if the same persons should return to Oregon to manage another campaign the business men would say, " There are those women that managed the last suffrage campaign and then went away and lied about the state. Knock it to them ". I am not saying the officials would be polite, but they would knock it to them harder than was done last June.

There is no question your leaders, or some of them, gave Oregon a bad name, and I am convinced it was wholly undeserved. But whether deserved or undeserved it was bad politics to do so and it would be bad politics for those women to return to the state.

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We suffered last time from too many old maids. This may seem cruel to say so and perhaps it is, but it is a fact just the same. Every normal girl wants to get married, every normal mother wants to see her daughters married, and when they behold spinsters they take the opposite course. We lost the sympathy of our women through a campaign managed by elderly bachelor girls.

I am asked what we would do to manage a campaign if we excluded the old maids. This reminds me of the mother who was giving her child kerosene oil. She said there was no other medicine in the house and she had to give her something. Perhaps the child would have been better off without any medicine. And perhaps we could have done better in Oregon without campaign managers than the way it was. This objection to the spinsters might not prevail in other states but it does in Oregon.

It is bad politics to interject a foreign body to manage a local campaign. It would have been far better if the national association this year had remained in the background - out of the state for that matter - and carried on the campaign through the state association.

Our opponents would have spared our home women much of the comment they visited on the foreigners. I firmly believe that if the national association had left us entirely alone we would have come much nearer winning than we did. It may be cruel to say this but it is politics. We won in our county because we suppressed as far as possible the egregious blunders of the national association.

I regret to have to use a club to convey this information, but the gentler means hitherto used appear to have missed the mark.

To your first question I answer that the columns of the Harbor are always open to the suffrage cause and we will be pleased to receive the items. In this respect you can do much good work. At the present time we are so overcrowded with matter that I can make no definite promises. Should we decide to call another election in 1908 we will not open the campaign in our columns much before the 1st of January of that year. We have put your name on our mailing list.

You can render excellent service in your press department in supplying the information as contained in your sample sheet. In this respect you can greatly aid us in our next campaign, but I know it would be a mistake for the national association to take charge of another campaign in Oregon.

After long deliberation I am also satisfied that there should be a man as president of the equal suffrage association in Oregon and that the association should be composed of both men and women. This is men's work.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. M. Bain.

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Office of the  
COOS BAY HARBER.

North Bend, Oregon, Nov. 4, 1906.

Harriet Taylor Upton,  
Treasurer National American Woman Suffrage Association,  
Warren, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

All week long I have been filled with deep contrition over my letter to you of October 28th, not that it overstated the truth. It showed a bad temper and I am usually such an "angel". Occasionally when I write a letter in that mood I wait till the next day before mailing and then don't send it. My letter was in bad taste, especially to you. You may know nothing of the controversy I have had or of the exasperation I have felt. Exasperation perhaps is not a good word. And this, too, after all the patience exhibited through a long campaign and the praise I gave the women for their work. I have always taken the ground that the women, even with all their mistakes, were as much entitled to the ballot as the men with all their perfection.

If remorse would win I might help you out. But here we are confronted by the stern necessities of another campaign. Are we to profit by the lesson of the past experience? Or shall we pursue the same course and meet with the same defeat?

I have had this especially brought home to me the past week when I made a trip up Coos river soliciting signatures to the equal suffrage petitions. I am to-day sending off a list to Miss Fesse in Portland. I have also addressed a letter to the secretary of State asking if we can change the petitions that have been signed so as to read "Woman Suffrage Amendment" instead of "Equal Suffrage Amendment". If this cannot be done I advise that the petitions sent in be cancelled and the work begun over.

It is this word "equal" suffrage that forms one of the errors of the last campaign. The defense offered for its retention is that in the eastern states "woman" suffrage by the illiterate voter is taken to mean woman domination, and that the word "equal" deceives the voter to a right understanding.

In the first place we are making the campaign in Oregon, not in the eastern states, in this particular instance. We have no illiterate voters who place this wrong construction on the meaning of woman suffrage.

If equal suffrage means anything it means woman suffrage. Then why not say woman suffrage? To disguise our meaning places a weapon in the hands of our enemies, and this weapon was most effectively wielded against us in the last campaign. Honesty is the foundation principle of political success. We should not hope

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to win by a political trick.

I cannot bear to travel under false colors and it makes me grit my teeth when I have to stop to explain to a voter that equal suffrage means woman suffrage. And to think that the women themselves are the father, or mother, of this subterfuge. And still they ask its retention for another campaign, not the women of Oregon, but the eastern women sent here to conduct the campaign. To say that the word equal is necessary in this state is an insult to the intelligence of the Oregon voters.

In reconsidering the matter of your former communication I hope that you will send me copies of all articles meant for publication in this state. I want to see from a practical worldly man's standpoint if they are good or bad.

It was unfortunate, indeed, that much of the literature in the last campaign was sent out. The leaders began making enemies the moment they set foot on our soil and kept it up even after the votes were counted. I do not say this was intentionally done. Of course it was not. But what folly for me to go back to Ohio and attempt to run the politics of that state before I had time to unpack my trunk.

To succeed in any movement one must first understand the situation. There is no state in the union so full of the old-timer prejudice as Oregon. They deeply resent the influence of the carpet bagger.

Returning to the question of "equal" suffrage, if it is such a good thing for Oregon why don't you adopt the term for the National Association? Or in the estimation of the National Association is Oregon the only state where the illiterate voter resides?

I also deeply regret having seemed to throw the responsibility for my opinions upon the suffrage leaders in Portland. I would, of course, regret not to be in accord with our own Oregon women, but it was cowardly in me to attempt to throw the blame on them. I have no doubt that I may be at the bottom of this criticism of the national association.

Most of all I wish to avoid the appearance of dissension in our camp. I have avoided all public criticism. Come let us reason together and see if we cannot plan a winning campaign for the future.

Sincerely yours,

( Signed ) C. M. Sain.

(J.O.)

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 15th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my check for \$1.00 for the literature sent to me. I think this may be a few cents too much, and if so, send me some more of your newest literature.

I want to say that Mr. Sain's second letter leads me to doubt his good faith. I find it hard to think that a man who professes to know what is going on in the state should try to put it upon the National that the petitions are called Equal Suffrage. He can hardly avoid knowing that the state association is called Equal Suffrage and that the petitions were formulated and distributed before ever a single National worker entered Oregon. When he says he "grits his teeth" upon finding he has to explain that equal suffrage means woman suffrage, and trumps up the assertion that the National attributes it to the ignorance of the voter, while he must know that the liquor trust played on sex domination prejudice in the notorious "petticoat" card, I cannot reconcile such ignorance with the intelligence necessary to run a newspaper. I am inclined to think the liquor trust is preparing to try a cheaper campaign than the last one, and that they are already on hand with their agents. The suggestion to throw away two thousand verified signatures is a specimen of such work as I think they would like.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. If you can spare it, send the newspaper account of the suffrage Asso. election in Oregon? I will return it.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Meredith in reply to a letter I wrote her in regard to the Colorado law. Every once in a while we have inquiries for the exact framing of the bill which was presented to the Colorado Legislature providing for full suffrage for women. Mrs. Meredith says she has no copy of it, but that she wrote a leaflet once which did have it, and she thinks she can give me the information I want. In connection with this, she says: "It gives the section of our Constitution under which we were able to get the ballot, and in all cases this section, known as the Brewwell Amendment, should be secured in Constitutions when we fail to get the full suffrage. It is vital." She then says that she and her mother prepared the Colorado chapter for the History of Woman Suffrage, they explained this very carefully, but that when it was edited it was left out. I thought we ought to remember this for future reference.

She then played Ben Lindsey alive, calling him all sorts of names, and said that after he had agreed that Alva Adams was the man for governor of Colorado he took the stump against him, and against Patterson, and, together with the Socialists, defeated the whole Democratic ticket. She adds that the Republicans have not been disposed to be very friendly to women, and that no Wm. Guggenheim of New York, who is the head of the smelter trust, and who is "hideously rich, will undoubtedly buy up the legislature and become the senator from that district; that he is morally rotten,



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and is so bad that Welcott won't support him because of this. Here I had to stop and laugh. Think of Welcott holding his skirts away from anyone on earth because of immorality; her letter is very funny, and she signs it "Yours in an abominable temper".

I am passing this word on, thinking we may sometime want to know about Guggenheim and the Colorado law.

You will remember our discussion of the Olympia Brown affair at the B.C. meeting in Warren. There is an error in our Constitution, but it was only clerical. Miss Blackwell gave notice of an amendment which provided for one representative for societies having less than 100 members. Then we forgot to correct the section in regard to the executive committee to comply with this. So a State can have only one person to represent it in the convention, but it can have two persons on the Executive Committee. Mrs. Brown has been scolding Miss Blackwell and me about it all summer, and I reported to her the result of our action at Warren. She says she did not have representation on the dues which she paid last year, and she ~~would~~ wanted it on this year. Of course I explained to her that the Convention and the Business Committee had ruled that people could not have representation on dues which had been delayed, and I explained very carefully why. That is so self-evident I shall not take time to repeat it here. She has written me under date of November 6, as follows:

"Your letter received. Now with your view of the case, I think you should return the \$4.00. It was paid for a certain consideration. Now if the rules or the circumstance prevent you from rendering the equivalent in representation at any time, evidently you should return the money. If I send a dollar to Jansen & McClurg for a book, and they have not the book, they return the dollar; it does not matter that their catalogue and list of books is not up to date."

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does not matter that their catalogue contains no such title, and that I ought to have known that they did not deal in that book; they politely inform me that they have made a mistake, there is no such book on their list. They return the dollar. They do not feel justified in retaining money without rendering an equivalent, and I think that principle is universal. Now our women ought to be as honorable and fair as the ordinary business man."

I have written her that I received her letter and reported the matter to the Business Committee, and that as soon as I receive my instructions I will notify her. My goodness!

Cordially yours

*Harriet Taylor Wilson*  
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Nov. 19, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay and Miss Shaw,

It seems to me that it might be a very wise thing for us to be prepared to ask the Arizona Legislature to do as the Colorado people did, in making provision for the submission of the question two years hence. I dictated this to the Business Committee this morning.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

OKLAHOMA: The contents of this envelope should properly come from Miss Shaw, because I should send her the information, and let her send it out; but if she was able she expected to start for the Maryland and Kentucky conventions, and will therefore not be at home much before the last of the week.

I have not heard from Mrs. Boyer for sometime until today, when she writes me in regard to the newspaper work, and sends a list of newspapers wishing to exchange for Progress.

She says Dr. Woods arrived on the 14th, at noon, and will follow out Miss Shaw's suggestions. She also says:

"I have just learned that the Democrats have reached an agreement that one of the very first things they will do will be to draft the Initiative & Referendum Law; then all the reform measures will be relegated to this Inf. Ref. This will be an easy way to dispose of many reform measures, most of them legislative, not fundamental; however, our measure is fundamental." It seems to me it might be a wise thing for us to instruct her to be prepared to do for Oklahoma what our friends did for Colorado. You will remember I gave you that information in a letter a day or two ago regarding Ellis Meredith.

Mrs. Boyer encloses a clipping which distressed me very much. It seems that Mrs. Woodworth had preferred charges against Miss Kate Barnard, of the Provident Association (which I take it is

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a society ~~xxx~~ associated charities in Oklahoma City).

When Mrs. Woodworth returned from Oregon she began to make it rather warm for Miss Barnard, tried to hire detectives to spy upon her, with a view to making a report to the proper authorities, - board of directors, trustees, or whatever it is, but the detectives refused to do this, and were so true to Miss Barnard that they told her what Mrs. Woodworth wished them to do. Mrs. W. bases her claim for interference upon the fact that the W.C.T.U. has no representative on this board, or in the Association, and that they ought to have. At any rate, they had an open meeting, at which Mrs. Woodworth appeared as the complainant, and at the close of the hearing the Board not only exonerated Miss Barnard, but praised her work greatly, and called upon ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the people to not only stand by Miss Barnard but to take into consideration the fact that she was a most exceptional woman in a very trying place. Of course this is no business of ours, only that Mrs. Woodworth has been allied with us. There is one thing that throws me into the dumps and disturbs me more than anything else and always has, and that is the fact that so many unprincipled people attach themselves to us, and we have to suffer at their hands.

Cordially yours

*Harriet Taylor Whitton*  
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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

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My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just opened the last two numbers of the Fairfax Enterprise, Mrs. Young's paper; and am shocked to see that she died Nov. 2nd, after a short illness. I have been so rushed with convention work that I did not open the paper, which is frequently sent to me in compliment. This morning I did so, and find this sad news. My Woman's Journal goes to Richmond, so I do not know whether or not it mentions this loss to our cause. I enclose ~~scrippi~~ under another cover the papers, which please return to me.

I received this morning Miss Shaw's circular letter and her answer to Miss Kearney. I enclose a copy of my letter to Miss Shaw to which she refers in her circular. You will see from my letter that I do not regard the proposed conference as of the importance Miss Shaw attaches to it, either as a departure from the policy of the National or as a possibility of the formation of a society independent of the National.

The National has always recognized the usefulness of woman suffrage as a counterbalance to the foreign vote and as a means of legally preserving white supremacy in the south. You surely remember Mr. Blackwell's compilation of statistics, showing the preponderance of numbers of the educated whites in the south. In the campaign in S. Carolina we distributed that leaflet widely; and never hesitated to show that the white women's vote would give the supremacy to the white race. And we have also freely used that same argument in relation to the native born and the foreign born vote. I apprehend no danger from that side. Nor do I think

we need have any misgivings about a possible independent Southern Suffrage Association. It is too much work to keep up associations for that. You observe my whole uneasiness was from the indisposition I have to unauthorized persons' starting movements without the advice of the National and afterwards depending upon the National for support ; and putting upon it the responsibility for their success or failure. I think a conference on Suffrage valuable in any section of the country; and where there are likely to be sectional views I see no reason why the women of that section should not assemble to discuss them just as men do under similar circumstances. As long as I thought Miss Kearney was calling such a conference I was inclined to attend. If she depends upon the assistance of the National, I think she has proceeded unwarrantably; and I wrote that I would take the matter under consideration. I am to see Miss Shaw in Ashland before I make my final answer to Miss Kearney; and I would like your opinion on the expediency of my going. I am opposed to the National's having any hand in it; but now that the conference has been called, if the Business Com. would like me to go and watch against any extravagance or disorganization that might find a start there, of course I am willing to do so.

In my answer to Miss Kearney I took the precaution to sign my name as president of Ky.E.R.Association, so she would understand I undertook nothing for the National. Please write me your opinion so I may receive it by Friday next.

I enclose the program for our convention.

I thank you for the Oregon clipping.

Love to all .

Cordially yours,

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Dear Miss Shaw and Miss Clay,

You will remember my writing you sometime ago in regard to Arizona; how I had last spring written Mrs. Munds asking her for the status of things, and how after a number of weeks, the letter had come back; and then upon inquiry from Dr. Woods, I sent the letter to Prescott instead of Phoenix and it finally reached Mrs. Munds and she said the re was nothing much to be done this year, because the jointure business was taking everybody's attention, but that she had wanted Mrs. Bradford to come to visit the Federated Clubs. Under date of Nov. 12th. I have a letter in which she says that she is so surprized at the sudden turn things have taken there. She says that something has "dropped" in Democratic circles and there has been almost a landslide in Republican circles. She says that with a Republican Governor, the Republicans will control things and she says that the Republican men say that the only hope for the Republican party is the granting of suffrage to women, the Democratic party being in power there. So she feels, upon consulting with the Republicans in her district that there is a good chance for us to get suffrage through the Legislature this winter. The thing which impresses me the most is that Governor Kirby was a member of the Council four years ago when the suffrage bill was passed, and he voted for it. I am writing to Mrs. Munds to have her verify one fact. She says the Republicans will be in power, adding that in the Council there are seven Republicans and five Democrats, but in the Lower House there are fifteen Democrats and nine Republicans. The nine is rather poorly written. If, however, it is nine, I do not see how the Republicans are in power, but will take



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it they are just for the argument. She now says she thinks Dr. Woods and Mrs. Bradford ought to go with her to the present Legislature and she does hope the National will not lose this opportunity, for it is one that will probably not occur again, since there will undoubtedly be a return to the Democratic ranks in two years. She says she feels sure of this, because although the Republicans carried the Territory, a Democrat was elected to Congress. She says she is very much delighted that Mrs. Bradford is going to Arizona. I think she must have been mistaken in this, because when Miss Shaw wrote me last she said she did not think it would be wise to send Mrs. Bradford there just to do organizing. She says Dr. Woods did such splendid work in the Legislature before that she does hope we will have her again. She ends up with a strong plea for help in the Territories this time and says "I sincerely hope the National will not let this unusual opportunity pass." I am acknowledging her letter, telling her that I am reporting the matter to you who are on the sub-committee with me, and that as soon as Miss Shaw gets in from the field, she will hear directly from her. I should have said that she says, "I am of the opinion that with Dr. Woods and Mrs. Bradford here, to work with the present Legislature, we can pass the measure without difficulty and they need be here only sixty days."

Very truly yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Mrs. Catt has sent me the copy of a letter which came to her from Mrs. Haskell, and as some of you and some of my own family too think I do too much little work and take too much pains with little matters, I take some satisfaction in quoting to you the contents of this letter. Mrs. Haskell is writing to Mrs. Catt and sending her the Leslie's Weekly which had her picture in it at the time of the Copenhagen meeting, and she adds, "On the publication of this picture hangs a tale which may interest you a little. Mr. John Sleicher, Manager of Judge and Leslie's Weekly, is an old fossil so far as women are concerned. He would not let his daughter go to college and has always disliked clubs and public women. For years my father has urged him to publish personals and pictures of prominent women but he never would do so until Mrs. Miller took some pictures of the Baltimore convention people. He used them but it was a great concession. Well, a few weeks after the pictures were published, Mrs. Upton sent for some copies and complimented the editor. He thinks a good deal of such communications. So later he said, to my father, "It is time to run some of those suffragists in again". The result was your picture, which was taken at that convention.

You will remember that Mrs. Miller took a snap shot of Aunt Susan which was so good and which was really her last picture. I wrote the Editor in regard to buying prints and he said we could have them for a dollar. Some day I am going to order some. I was really pleased to know that this little attention on the part of Headquarters had resulted this way.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

JUDGE LINDSEY: A few days ago I sent you a letter from Mrs. Meredith in which she spoke of Judge Lindsey. Miss Blackwell has had a letter from Judge Lindsey which she has forwarded to me, asking me to copy it and send it to you, since it is on the other side of the question. Miss Blackwell suggests that this letter be not used for publication; I must say I laughed at this, for it shows so plainly her news instinct. None of us would have thought of giving out such information as this to newspapers.

I might add that it quite discouraged me to have Judge Lindsey say that it is hopeless to get the people to vote their real sentiment: also "that sentiment cannot be expressed under our ballot law". Mrs. Meredith says for none of us to mention the name of Judge Lindsey to people in Colorado; that they are through with him. On the other hand Judge Lindsey says he knows he has not lost anything in the estimation of the people of the State; he means now the Independents and Republicans.

PROGRESS: As soon as the November Progress came from the press I sent you each a copy under a one cent stamp so you would get it right away. I was rather disappointed in the first paper. I had really prepared more copy than I needed and as we were held off so long for the Post-office decision I had about concluded not to issue it, when we suddenly were admitted and I had to hurry it a good deal and although I indicated the make-up of the paper and what should be left out in case there was too much copy, it seems to me now that I left out the very best part of it. However, that can be rectified the next time. In the next two months I will have learned a good deal about Progress and will be able to make suggestions to the permanent editor. The next edition will be out on time and any of you who have any copy to send, or any suggestions to make, must have that copy in my hands by the 30th of the preceding month.

Cordially yours,

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*Harriet Taylor Upton*  
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Warren, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter of Nov. 19th is here and I want to ask you the minute you get home from your Convention to send me just a few lines in regard to it; give me the list of officers and give me some one strong point in regard to the Convention. You will see by the November number of Progress, which you have received ere this, about how the State reports run. You will also see that I had already noticed Mrs. Young's death in Progress before I received word from you. I feel very sorry about it.

I have not answered the Coos. Co. man. You wrote considerable about it, but you really did not advise me what to say.

I have read carefully your letter in regard to Miss Kearney and agree with you perfectly in regard to the inadvisability of having such an association as she is reported as wishing to organize auxiliary to our Association. You know we have always steered clear of the southern question, but we have always used the ignorant and the foreign vote matter in Convention. Now Mrs. Kelley is urging us not to do this. I notice she objects to it every time we do it.

You were very precautionous and did exactly right in regard to signing yourself President of the Association and not " Auditor ".

Cordially yours,

*Harriet Taylor Upton*  
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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 26th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

On Saturday I obeyed orders and wrote you some notes about our convention with such dispatch that I did not even sign my name.

Now I am taking up your important communication about Arizona. I do certainly think that we ought to heed Mrs. Munds' appeal. I wished before to send Mrs. Bradford to Arizona. I do not think it possible to let Dr. Woods go, as we need her in Oklahoma; but I think Mrs. Munds may be satisfied with Mrs. Bradford, if we explain the situation to her. I see from Miss Shaw's letter about Mrs. Bradford, she asked if she would be ready to go to Oklahoma the last of this month. In view of Mrs. Munds' last letter I am in favor of telegraphing her to go to Arizona instead. I do not know whether you expected me to answer this letter to you or to Miss Shaw; but while I am waiting to hear from Miss Shaw regarding it, I let you know what I think about it. Isn't it bad that we have not plenty of workers for all the fields?

On Saturday I received Mrs. Avery's circular letter, requesting the states to give up part of their time on the program. Though I was prepared for its coming, when I saw the proposition in cold type, it gave me a shock; and its effect upon me makes me uneasy as to how it will affect other state presidents. It is safer, and I think it is wiser, for all committees to abide by the rulings of the convention, and not try to set aside any of its decisions. Perhaps it would be well, since the program committee does not think the reports of state work are interesting, to ask for another ruling of the convention. In the meantime, while I resigned half of the time

of the Ky.E.R.A., I asked that my protest should be entered with the next program committee against the repetition of a request which I think cannot be so politely put that it is not offensive. If I had not been bound in a manner by the Business meeting in Warren, I really think I would have served the interests of the Association by replying that the time was given to the Ky. Association by vote of the convention, that that vote met my approval and that I preferred retaining for my state the privilege granted it by the convention till such time as the convention itself revoked it. I am really interested to know how other presidents regard being mulcted of their few minutes of time.

I am glad to learn by a note from Miss Hauser that she has returned, I hope much refreshed. Mrs. Obenchain, in her report, says that she finds the syndicate articles sent from your office much more useful and appropriate than those formerly sent out. I repeat this compliment, because I intend to suppress it in the printing of the minutes, as it may pain Mrs. Babcock.

We consider it a triumph that the editor of the Herald has announced his conversion to Suffrage? His wife has been a member for years; but that is not quite the same as having the editor. The editor of the Lexington Leader, the Republican paper, is a member, together with his wife; and suffrage articles are constantly printed, but he does not write such forceful editorials.

Today I wrote Miss Kearney that I would attend the conference at Memphis. This accords with Miss Shaw's wishes; and I want to see if it cannot be made the means of arousing greater activity in the southern states.

Well, I must not talk too much. Good-bye. Love to all.

Cordially yours,

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

The corresponding secretary of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, Ellen S. Leckenby, sent me a letter under date of Nov. 21st, in which she says:

" The Executive Board of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association has authorized me to invite the National to hold their Convention at Seattle in 1909, the year of the Alaska - Yukon Expositions. We would like to know what concessions will be required of us. "

As I am writing most of you to-day and as Miss Shaw and Mrs. Avery are perfectly stacked up with work, I am sending you this word direct instead of sending it to Miss Shaw for her to send out.

Dr. Jeffreys wrote me sometime ago in regard to this. She thought because I knew Senator Mitchell and worked with them a little for the Portland Convention, that I had influence with the Business Committee and the Convention, and she seemed to want to solicit my support. I answered Dr. Jeffreys and told her that the thing to do was to get the offer in writing and submit it to the Business Committee at Chicago and they would refer it to the Convention. The Convention at Chicago could really not decide on a place of meeting for two years hence, but it could recommend to the following convention that it go to Washington, if it seemed best, for the 1909 meeting.

I am writing Mrs. Leckenby that Miss Shaw will reply to her. This ought to be done, since it is an official communication.

Cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Nov. 30, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay,

Very glad to get your letter of Nov. 26th. I got your notes about the Kentucky convention just as the December copy was going to the printer. In fact, it was already in the envelope. I had to shorten a good deal, but still I got a note in.

I think Miss Shaw is going to take hold of the Arizona and Oklahoma business now and that we will not have much to say about it. I must confess that in some points I am sort of anxious about it, and yet I do not see how we can do otherwise. I am not corresponding with anybody in Oklahoma or Arizona in regard to it, myself; but I do wish those people in the Territories would try to work for the passage of a law such as Colorado had; that is, the Bramwell law, of which I have written you. We might slip in sometime unawares.

I feel a good deal as you do about the state reports. I have often wondered that state people and state presidents come to our convention; they get so little recognition. I think all of us are so anxious to know what the other states are doing and that is why I tried to have a kind of a council of state presidents to see if we could not learn something new each from the other. Of course it is often exasperating to have states like Missouri and Rhode Island get up year after year and tell how they organized their society and all that.

I am so glad Mrs. Obenchain likes the press articles. Elizabeth has done almost all the work in regard to it. I helped plan it in the beginning and then once or twice have taken it off her hands, but



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we together laid out a certain policy and I think it is going to work out very well. It is very fascinating work. I wish I had nothing else to do but that.

Yes, I was delighted to know about Mr. Breckenridge's conversion. Wasn't that a splendid editorial? I wrote and thanked him and I also wrote to some other people telling what was in the editorial. I hope some of them will send some little article as suggested or thank him for his straightforwardness.

Yours very truly,

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Harriet Taylor Crompton

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Once in a while something comes into the office which is so funny or which is not under my jurisdiction and I therefore feel like forwarding it along.

A letter today from Mrs. Boyer in regard to press work says that they had quite an interesting meeting, a large one, but everybody <sup>not</sup> seemed anxious to go to work and take hold of things. She says,

"There is an excess of zeal from some quarters that I presume compensates for the deficiency in other places. I wish things were even. The Oklahoma City Club is endeavoring to raise a campaign fund of \$100 00. I wrote you about this long ago. The original idea was to make an assessment of a dollar on every member of the local club. There are about 85. Mrs. Laskey offered to make up the balance by raising and selling a pig. I saw the pig when I was out at her house. It is a real sociable little porker, with a most musical grunt and the curliest kind of a tail. And by a funny co-incidence, it is a yellow pig. "

Very truly yours,

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Warren, Ohio, Dec. 3, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have tried repeatedly to loan the two thousand dollars of the Bruce bequest, but I am so cautious that I have not accomplished what I wanted to, but occasionally I see a good chance to separate the loan. Are you willing to have it go out in five hundred or thousand dollar lots?

I am so anxious about Arizona and you know I am what they call "fore-handed". Nearly a year ago I began planning for Oklahoma and then things had necessarily to be put off so that I feel as if we had little or no chance there now. My only hope is to get the Colorado, Bromwell Law through. But now the Arizona business is another thing entirely and I do hope that we will begin it quickly and stick to it. I am answering Miss Shaw to-day in regard to all the questions she has put out about Oklahoma and am telling her that I do not think there is much use of our sending more people to Oklahoma. You see the time for much work is over and all we can do there now is to concentrate on Guthrie. I feel that I know very little about organization, but I do think that a little specific work with people themselves is far better than our regular work in campaigns. I have not expressed myself very clearly; what I mean now is that it is better for us to concentrate in Guthrie than to try to do general work as we do when we have campaigns.

But let us look to Arizona. You remember President Roosevelt said he never was so surprised in his life as he was when I told him that Brodie vetoed the suffrage bill; he just looked aghast! Because of the Republican land-slide there and for many other reasons I think we have a chance in Arizona. Anyway, we have a chance for the Bromwell Amendment and do let us get that through.

Cordially yours,

HTU-J.

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 3rd, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just received the rent of the Bruce cottage to Dec. 11th, 1906; and this enables me to pay up all dues to me, so that you can get the account straight for your books of 1906. I enclose account and receipts, which please examine and then return to me, - that is, the tax receipts. I think I should always have them on hand. You can keep Mr. Kerr's receipt for one hundred dollars, as I have the return check.

Oct. 21, 1905.	State and County tax for 1905.	-----	\$7.92
Nov. 13, "	December half of City tax " "	-----	7.65
June 18, 1906.	June half of city tax. for 1906.	-----	7.65
June 29, "	Charles Kerr, professional services in suit for legacy.	-----	100.00
Oct. 2, 1906.	State and county tax for 1906.		7.92
Nov. 20 " "	December half of City tax, " "	-----	7.65
			<u>\$138.79</u>

Receipts at ten dollars a month for cottage, from Oct. 11th, 1905, to Dec. 11th, 1906	-----	\$140.00
Expenses to Dec. 11th, 1906.		<u>138.79</u>
		1.21

I enclose my check for balance due, \$1.21.

Cordially yours,

Trustee under Will of L.S. Bruce.

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Rent paid to

Dec. 11 1908.

Expenses \$ 11.21.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Warren, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

Yours of the 3rd inst., with enclosures, at hand. We  
are enclosing tax receipts as requested.

Cordially yours,

MH-J.

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

181 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 5th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am in receipt of yours asking if I was willing to have the Bruce money put out in five hundred or a thousand dollar loans? Certainly I am; I would like such loans quite as well as having the whole in one note.

I note what you say about the Bronwell amendment for Arizona, in which I thoroughly agree. I think it practicable for Oklahoma also; and I desire particularly that you will collect what information you can, - the form of the law, etc., so as to have it ready to send to Oklahoma. If they are on the watch there they may be able to get it into that constitution, if we can not get full suffrage outright. I ask you to do this, because your opportunities are better to get this sort of information than those of the rest of us.

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, in which she calls my attention to a decision of Supreme Court in Oregon, saying the Initiative petition should call for Woman Suffrage, and not Equal Suffrage. She says it is in Mrs. Colby's Tribune for November 24th. I do not see the Tribune now; but you had better look this up at once, as no one of the B.C. seems to have noticed it.

I am very busy today, as I speak on the Oregon Campaign<sup>1</sup> this afternoon, by invitation of the Woman's Club of Central Ky.

Very cordially yours,



Warren, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

I have a letter this morning from Mrs. Harper. I have heard of her here and there since her return but have had no address. She is at Everett House, Union Square, New York City. She says:

" I am awfully sorry you did not consult me before you ordered those 2,000 copies of my last North American Review article. It was merely an abstract of a regular lawyer's ' brief ' which I have prepared on the question ' Is Suffrage a Right '. I spent a solid month on it and was intending to arrange with the National Association, or somebody, to bring it out in pamphlet form. "

It has occurred to me that Mrs. Harper might ask us, as a Committee, to take her regular Brief instead of this one and I am therefore writing to express myself as being opposed to doing that. Of course Mrs. Harper is like all other authors; she supposes that the argument and her name made us want to use this, but the fact that it was published in the North American Review, to my mind, has as much to do with it as the article itself. This contains the meat of it undoubtedly.

She also says that she would like very much to have one of the five dollar gold pieces of Miss Anthony's, but that she spent so much in Europe that she cannot afford it. You know we have been selling them for ten dollars. I have just thought that we might be generous and give her one of these gold pieces for Christmas. You know she has done lots of work for suffrage, but of course she has been better paid than most of us; but at the same time she does not have the joy which the rest of us get for our voluntary work. How does this strike you ?

Cordially yours,

HTU-J.

*Karmit Taylor Upton*  
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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th in regard to the loans. I note what you say about the Bromwell Amendment. I think I have explained this to Mrs. Munds and to all the workers in Oklahoma.

Yes, there has been a stir-up about "equal suffrage". As far as we can learn Mr. Sain wrote the Attorney-General, and I suppose suggested to him that equal suffrage was not woman suffrage, and so there was an effort made to have the petition thrown out on that score; but there has been a later decision, since the Tribune came out, saying the petitions are all right.

I have just had a letter from Miss Shaw, saying you will go to Oklahoma if necessary. Isn't that splendid? How I wish I could go with you! I have been wanting to go ever since the beginning of the work there, but of course that is impossible.

Hastily yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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Dear Miss Clay:-

You asked me when you were here at the Business Committee meeting to let you have a statement of Kentucky's indebtedness to the National in the matter of its assessment for Oregon. I sent you this statement soon after you returned home, and, while it is doubtless perfectly fresh in your mind, I will repeat it here.

This assessment was-----	\$84.90
We have received, including the last \$14.50	
contributed by you-----	\$64.70
Leaving-----	\$20.20 due.

Just why, in writing about the Oregon pledge, I did not mention the regular pledge of \$100. from Kentucky, I do not know.

At the Baltimore convention, someone---I think it must have been Miss Laura White---pledged \$100. as the usual yearly contribution from the Kentucky E.R.A. Miss White made additional pledges for herself and for the Ashland Association, all of which have been paid; and she has given \$10.00 on the Kentucky pledge, leaving \$90.00 due.

As we have not had a contribution from Mrs. Bennett this year, I am thinking that perhaps she will wish to pay something on this pledge.

Now do not understand us as pushing you for the money. I am simply making the statement, and you will know whether or not you wish to do anything about it before our books close.

Yours most truly

BJH.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton  
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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 17th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just returned from Richmond; and I enclose a check from Mrs. Bennett to assist in paying for our Oregon assessment and the Ky. E. R. A. pledge for 1906. The check is for \$60.00 and is to be divided as follows:

Individual pledge for \$5.00 each year for five years.....	\$5.00
Oregon Assessment .....	10.00
Ky. Pledge for 1906 .....	45.00
	<u>60.00</u>

I enclose my check for \$55.20, of which Mrs. John Reid

sends for Oregon Assessment .....	1.00
I send for Oregon Assessment .....	9.20
and for Ky. E. R. A. pledge for 1906 .....	45.00
	<u>55.20</u>
	60.00
Total, .....	\$110.20

which pays for the assessment and pledge, according to your letter on the subject.

Please acknowledge Mrs. Bennett's check to herself, and mention how much longer the five dollar annual pledge has to run yet.

As you are to divide the Bruce money in loaning it you do not need the hundred dollars for which I sent a personal check, I suppose. If it makes a more convenient loan, keep it; if not, please return it to me, as it simplifies book-keeping not to borrow for the fund. The re-appraisal puts the cottage at \$1100.00, and the lot at \$1200.00. I do not know yet for how much I can sell the lot; but as soon as I do sell it, I

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want your kind help in loaning it and the difference which the Good Samaritan Board is to return to me.

I start tomorrow afternoon for Memphis, and will leave Memphis for Guthrie Thursday night, unless other instructions reach me.

Give my love to all in the office, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

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Phoenix, Arizona

Dec. 19, 1906.

My dear Dr. Shaw:

I am ready to-night to say without reserve that we have not the least chance in the world to pass a bill here for some time.

Success has not improved Kibby in the least, who was always as arrogant as he dared to be. I wonder yet if I ought to have kept my temper as I did, while he hurled slur after slur against women in general and our kind in particular, as I interviewed him this afternoon. It was only for the association's sake that I did so, I would have been most pleased to have shot him. He assured me that he would do anything in his power to defeat the bill, that women were idling now and interfering with everything, while neglecting all their own duties. It was a tirade such as I have never heard but once before. He would seem to get a little ashamed of his rudeness as every now and then he realized that he could not anger me, or force me to try to argue. He would try to be polite to me personally - but soon his hostility to the cause would have the best of him again.

The truth is this: First his wife is a morphine fiend and he has no respect for women. He is in a higher place now than he has ever been before, and he was backed by those who thanked him for his perfidy toward us.

He knows that that year our bill did upset the entire legislature, and was the pivot upon which much other legislation swung. Moreover, he knows that Brodie's veto was a disgrace in a way to a Republican governor. Now, he is such a born bully, that I believe his idea was to be so insulting that he would drive me to attempt nothing and so relieve himself of any embarrassment in the future.

So if I were a millionaire I would stay right here, and fight the bully on his own ground - that he might see his little game did not work. But I know we have neither time nor money to spite governors - and I feel sure now that he would win in the larger game.

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friends in Oregon. But we hope that the published report is untrue."

I have written Mr. Gill, the editor, a little note, thanking him for this editorial.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Wilson

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Dec. 20, 1906.



Dear Member of the Business Committee;--

Miss Anthony and I visited President Roosevelt a year ago in November. We later submitted some facts to him which he wanted. In acknowledging that data he asked me, and I think he asked us at the interview, to let him know anything which happened where he could be of any help. Last August as I was working with the Oklahoma business and reading the Oklahoma newspapers, I saw that Governor Frantz had made a very silly speech in regard to women at Vinita, Okla. He had said that the question of woman's enfranchisement was impossible. I wrote the Governor a letter telling him that the man who had appointed him to his office and who rode up San Juan Hill with him did not agree with him. The Governor replied apparently explaining his position, but it was no explanation, for it was a repetition of his speech. I therefore sent this letter, together with one of transmission, to the President, and received from the Secretary a reply saying the President was much interested in my communication and wished if I was in Washington either in October or December I would come in to see him. At the Business Committee in Warren, I gave this information to the committee and it was decided that I should go. It was said that the Association had been waiting fifty years to have a President sat he would see a representative of it, and we must take advantage of it. No one knows how I dreaded to go. I did not feel quite equal to it and then I did not know what was before me. I had studied the question of Oklahoma and Indian Territory pretty carefully and supposed of course it was on this subject that he wished to see me. I took with me in writing a review of what had gone on between him and us, adding to it three



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the Mormon question, and then I told him that surely this did not enter into the case in Colorado and he said, in a rather reluctant way, no, it did not; and then I said that in Wyoming where the test has been longest the experiment had proven satisfactory, and he said yes, he must admit that he talked with Senator Warren about it and that Senator Warren said the experiment had proven that woman suffrage was a good thing for the Territory and for women, &c. As I only had a little time and as I did not think it was wise to argue with him verbally, because I wanted to ask him for a specific thing, I simply denied the allegation and concluded that upon my return to the Headquarters I would prepare something to outweigh this opinion and send it to him. I then called his attention to Oklahoma and to Arizona and to the Mainent Opinion. He told me he was going to see Governor Frantz in a few days and, although he did not say, "I will instruct him to work for you", he did infer that in his interview with Governor Frantz he would do what he possibly could for us. He also promised to see Governor Kirby of Arizona and made the same inference. He said there had been quite a pressure brought to bear on him from people in Arizona in opposition to the further granting of suffrage to women because of the Mormons. He then refused to give an eminent opinion. He said he did not want to do that while he was President. He was very frank about it and said simply no, and of course I saw immediately that it would not be wise to argue that question. It turned out then that what he wanted to talk with me about was the Mormon question in relation to our question and not the question of the Territories at all. He was exceedingly gracious and treated me with much more cordiality than he did the others in the room and seemed very outspoken and nice.

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In some ways I was so glad to have gone, because I think it is wise for our Association to know all such people personally. I think, too, that it was good to tell him about the state of things in both Oklahoma and Arizona; but I must say that when I considered the trip cost the Association \$50.00 more or less I wondered what you all would think about it. I saw Miss Gillette in regard to the work which she had wanted to do and I also made an attempt to see the Judiciary Committee to ask the Ohio members what they thought about the possibility of the House resolution 86 being reported from the committee; but it happened that the Ohio members were home. One was sick and one had just gone home. Theodore Burton, one of the leaders of the House, was to take me to see this latter man, Mr. Ramon, but he was not to be found. I therefore arranged with a friend to see these two men for me. Mr. Jenkins also was not in the city. I did not care much to see him anyway, since he is so bitterly opposed. I worked every minute that I was in Washington and had Miss Gillette and Mrs. Tindall in my room two hours or more. I learned that there is in the District of Columbia a bust fund similar to the one that Miss Shaw and I hold. I hardly feel like taking time to dictate in regard to this and yet I think it is wise for you to have it in black and white maybe. It seems at the time of the bust agitation Miss Gillette was interested in the matter and Mrs. Tindall was very much so. Finally when we found out that Miss Johnson intended to keep the busts and the money too, the District Suffrage Association divided in two parts, for and against, and Mrs. Tindall said that she was determined to do something to



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District of Columbia, monuments for women, &c.; and the first thing which this Board of Trustees was to do was to gather money and disburse money for the Johnson bust. Ellen Powell Thompson was made Treasurer of this Board of Trustees and her husband went on her bond. In the beginning, this Committee turned over several hundred dollars to Miss Anthony for the bust, but later when it was found out that Miss Johnson would not deliver the busts, part of the people who had contributed, took their money back, and others who believed that Miss Johnson ought to have her money, ordered it forwarded to Miss Johnson, so that when the matter was straightened out, there was \$218 00 in the bust fund, held by Mrs. Thompson in the bank in Washington. In the meantime, her husband has died so there is no bondsmen for this sum and she herself is quite ill in Kansas and will never recover, so Mrs. Tindall and Miss Gillette and myself tried to think of some way whereby that money would not be lost to the Association. We laid out a little plan, that of electing a new Treasurer and getting a new bondsmen, which I hope will succeed. If it does, then this \$218 00 will be turned in, probably to the fund which Miss Shaw and I now have over \$400 00. I think this was a good piece of work.

We then spent sometime on the convention program advertising. I found that Mrs. Tindall had really gotten very little advertising, and unless something transpires which we now do not expect to transpire, it will be impossible for us to get out a preliminary number of the program. Mrs. Avery and Miss Shaw and I went over that very carefully as



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Tindall says that it is her opinion that very little general advertising in the future can be had except in the town or city where the convention is held. You will remember Miss Gordon has always contended that the advertising for the program if we were to have it should belong to the city where the program was printed. Anyway, at Chicago, the question will probably be settled whether in the future we will have any advertising and whether we will have any National advertising. So far for this year's convention the National advertising will not amount to anything.

I find that the District has elected an exceedingly capable and influential woman to the presidency, Jessie Wait Wright. The people in the District think she took the presidency, (they have been urging it upon her for years) because she was a Chicago woman and felt a little pride in going to the Chicago convention as President of an Association. No matter what the notice was, she has accepted and the delegates who have been elected are Mrs. Tindall and Miss Gillette, so that the District is going to have a good strong delegation, which it has not had for years.

I arrived at Washington at midnight Friday and arrived in Philadelphia at midnight Sunday. Miss Shaw and Mrs. Avery came into the hotel soon after I was through my breakfast. We went up into our little room on the third floor and worked all day. I felt as if that part of the expense of the trip was warranted, because we did a great deal of work on the program. Somehow, we all were fertile with suggestions. And then we

talked over many things which will help with the convention and with

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work in general. I left Philadelphia at 11 o'clock Monday night and arrived home Tuesday morning and found everybody and everything all right. As soon as I am squared away, I am going to get something ready for the President and if any of you have any suggestions, please let us have them.

The call for the convention is just here and I think it is one of the best we have ever had. We will find it will be more generally circulated through the press than any of our past calls because it gives so much news.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

P.S. I meant to say that the President, in the course of his conversation with me asked me not to repeat anything of which we had talked. You see the press is accusing him now of being a Horner because he does not take a hand in the Smoot question. He said laughingly, "I shall trust you Mrs. Upton. I do not want any more Mrs. Storer in mine." I will therefore ask each of you to be very careful not to repeat anything in this letter to anybody, particularly not to refer to it in any

way so that any part of it can get into the press. Of course if anybody should ask you if one of our representatives had been to see the President at the President's request, it would be all right to answer yes, but as far as any particulars are concerned, we must be careful. The Associated Press reporter was waiting for me outside the door when I came out. He was one of the men who used to be on the press when I did the newspaper work. He asked me many things and I told him I came to consult the President on our question at the President's request, and the President himself was a suffragist, but as far as details were concerned, I could give him nothing. Then I turned around and told him I was going to hunt up the Associated Press men in Washington to get some more news. For me, I now would like to give me the same information which I would like to give you.



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Warren, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am very much puzzled to know what to do in regard to Dr. Woods and finances. She has always been pretty good to write to me and has always kept herself in money, but since she started on this trip some of her letters have been different; because of the excitement she has not written as clearly as usual, so that I have been in a quandry most of the time as to where and how to send her money. Nov. 21st we sent her \$50. on expenses, as she asked us to. I sent this in care of Mrs. Boyer. On the 30th we sent her, c/o 405 N. Broad St., Guthrie, \$24.20; on Dec. 6th, in response to a telegram I sent her \$100. for expenses in Arizona. This was also sent to Guthrie. On the 17th I sent her, c/o Mrs. Frances Munds, Prescott, Arizona, \$28.75 for expenses and \$100. for salary. I understood from Miss Shaw and from other letters that she was going right back to Guthrie and so on the 24th I sent her \$62.60 c/o the Oklahoma Headquarters, Guthrie. This morning I am in receipt of a letter; it has no date, but is written on Oklahoma paper. It does not say at all where she is and yet I take it that she is still in Arizona. She says she has no money to pay her board bill and so I am afraid that she did not get the money sent in care of Mrs. Munds and that no one thought to forward the letter which was sent to Guthrie which contained the last money, thinking that she would be back soon. If, therefore, she is not in Guthrie when you receive this, she is probably waiting in Arizona for the money. Will you not forward the money to



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her such as she needs; then she can pay you from the \$100.00 check which will be in Guthrie upon her return. I am very sorry that this happened and yet I do not feel that it was any fault of ours. If she is in Phoenix it was natural for her to suppose that I knew she was there or she would not want money. I, however, am not fussing about it for I know it will come out all right.

How splendid the Memorial is and what good work the folks in Oklahoma are doing! Isn't it a pity now days that I never have time for any fun letters. I so often want to write Mrs. Boyer and Miss Gregg, but cannot take the time to do it.

Miss Reilly went with me to Washington and from there to Philadelphia and New York and we have missed her greatly. We have everything in the office so systematized that we cannot have anybody absent without it interfering with other things. Just the Progress by itself to edit and read proof, address the envelopes and get off is quite a matter and when you think how many times that is multiplied by other departments you can know that we can spare no-one.

A Happy New Year to all the Oklahoma workers! Father speaks in here to send his kind regards to you also; he is very well.

Faithfully yours,

HTU-J.

*Nannet Taylor Weston*  
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Dear Miss Clay -

I have had a most faultfinding letter from Miss Shaw. She accuses me of usurping authority & says that I have no need of my attending to all the duties I do when she went to Portland, <sup>Connecticut</sup> it was with intention of asking for a salary. Something was said at the first B.C. meeting enroute which she considered insulting - she

then began scolding  
me. Just why I did  
not know - Later  
when she & Miss Black  
were fussing  
about the minutes  
she was simply  
awful ~~to~~ me -

I endured it because  
I knew her value  
& realized how much  
she was giving up  
for the cause.  
These awful letters  
continued all summer.

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me - I hear when  
Conventions<sup>were</sup> was on  
she was sometimes  
unreliable. If  
any one promised  
to speak & had to  
~~change~~ her mind  
she ~~wrote~~ me a

~~complaint~~  
complaining letter -  
I told you of Baltimore.  
Now I have just re-  
ceived a long fault  
finding letter from  
her as I said.  
I have written her

that - when she was  
making it so hard  
for me I bore it for  
the cause sake but  
~~that I can~~ <sup>that I can</sup> no longer do  
that & keep my self  
respect & that I never  
again will allow  
her to talk to me  
that way without  
protest. I said it  
calmly & was not at  
all angry when writ-  
ing. There is however  
no reason why she  
should do this -

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My suffrage life is  
not an easy one -  
I raise the money  
& run the machinery  
& I am worthy of  
respect at least -

I want someone to  
know about this & so  
I am writing you -  
Miss Shaw would not  
think of writing you  
or Mrs Kelly that  
way -

Lovingly  
W. J. Upton

Dispatch,

Fort Wa. ne,

Ind.