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January 29, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee;-

Mrs. Biggers sends me a letter from Mrs. Branstetter whose husband is Secretary and Treasurer of the Socialist Party in Oklahoma, in which Mrs. Branstetter asks Mrs. Biggers for 2500 leaflets for prppaganda. She also encloses a paper which has a resolution passed at the last state convention, in which the Socialist Party pledged itself to work for the enfranchisement of women, and resolves that the State Executive Committee be instructed to instruct all speakers and local organizers to make a more direct plea for the enfranchisement of women, and that the State Secretary shall furnish locals with literature on the subject. Now Mrs. Biggers says that Oklahoma has no money to buy literature and she wonders if we cannot give Mrs. Branstetter the literature or make it to her at a very low price. The postage and all will be about \$5 00 so I have written Mrs. Branstetter that I am sending her the literature without charge. I hope this meets your approval.

Mrs. Biggers also says that Hon. P.A. Ballard has introduced a bill in the House for Presidential Suffrage for women and the Federated Clubs have a bill in for juvenile courts. This bill provides that women shall have the right to vote for the Judges of these courts and that in each county there shall be a committee appointed for certain purposes and that women as well as men may serve on this board. She also says she is going over to Chickasha on the 5th. to a meeting of the suffrage club. This club is planning to get out the school vote at the coming election.

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Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Jan. 29, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have a letter today from Mrs. Duniway. The first paragraph or two amounts to nothing but I want to quote her last paragraph.

"The curt refusal of Miss Shaw to send any supplies from our National stores to the only state that is incubating an amendment, (or likely to be) does not surprise me in the least. But it is an eye-opener to the rest of us.

"That '\$100,000 endowment' would, if secured, perpetuate our 'inner circle' of high finance from which 'Good Lord deliver' any state where there is the remotest prospect of getting the ballot. Oregon is helping herself. Nevertheless, I remain

Yours for Liberty,

Abigail Scott Duniway. "

Very truly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU-K

Clippings today say 1st that Dr Luce will see Dr Brougher of the White Temple will debate the subject of woman suffrage the 31st.
2^d that 8959 signatures have been filed at Salem. The clerk says these petitions are the best in form of any ever filed

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February 7/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of February 5 is in answer to mine,
and needs no special answer.

I was glad to get your account of the Bruce legacy.
We understand that all right.

I read very carefully your postscript in regard to
sending the money to Oregon. I know you considered this mat-
ter well, and that you are conscientious in regard to it.
You did not ask for my opinion, and I do not know as I am
called upon to give it, but somehow it disturbs me to think
that a woman as rich as Mrs. Coe, with everything in the
world that money can buy, is willing to accept money from
such a sacred trust as Miss Bruce's. I know, too, that you
had to deny yourself something to give that \$100.

Of course you know how I have always felt on this
subject, for I have made no secret of it. I believe that if
Mrs. Duniway could use that money in any way for herself she
would do it. But you have every right to use the Bruce money
as you think best, and that is all there is to it.

It would be splendid if Oregon could win. Of course
we would like it a little better if it would have been won
with our help and under our direction; but it is better to get

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it through the Duniway administration than not at all. After all, you may be the source of giving us a great deal of gratification, because if they do win we shall forget all the unpleasantness and will say, "Yes, one of our National officers contributed toward this campaign fund." Funny world, isn't it?

Cordially yours

Samuel Taylor Upton

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February 17/1908

Dear Misses
Shaw
Clay
Gordon:-

We had the greatest time trying to secure the Tennessee Federation of Labor, and arranged with Mrs Allen to go to the meeting, sent her the resolution, and wrote a number of letters in regard to it; but were disappointed to receive a letter from her saying that instead of going herself she had sent the resolution and a letter. In the meantime, she seemed to be proceeding with all kinds of press work and organization work in a most vigorous state of mind. We poked her up again a few days ago, and now have a letter from the secretary of the Tennessee Federation of Labor saying he took her resolution, presented it to the committee, saw that it got through, spoke for it from the floor, and that it passed without opposition. Wasn't this splendid? Will you three write Mr. Clarence E. Swick, P.O. Box 304, Memphis, Tenn., and thank him for the help given? You know Miss Clay felt that perhaps she did not do right to organize with six members, but there is not a State in the Union doing as much work, comparatively, as Tennessee. Their press work is exceptional, their association is growing, and they are a self-respecting lot.

Cordially yours


HTU.-R.

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March 19/1908

Dear Mrs. Kelley, Misses Clay, Blackwell & Gordon:-

When I reached home and got squared away, as Mr. Upton says, I began to realize that we were in a pretty bad way financially, and I am half terrorized over the Oklahoma matter. We must raise the money somehow, and it seems to me that those of the committee who voted for sending Mrs. Boyer out there ought to help in some way to raise the funds. When things looked dark in Miss Anthony's time I could appeal to her, and she always helped in one way or another; Mrs. Catt and I worked the treasury together; and Miss Shaw always stands by and finds some way out, but as she feels so badly about this Oklahoma matter, and continues to feel worse and worse, I do not like to throw any of the financial burden of it on her. Miss Blackwell said the Massachusetts Association could probably give more money, because its pledge of last year was only for one year. I do not suppose Mrs. Kelley can take the time to raise any money, but she might possibly suggest someone whom I could approach, tell me something about them, and how would be best to get at them.

All the talk about the \$100,000 and about the \$60,000 has led our people throughout the length and breadth of the land to think we have plenty of money, and they feel hurt because we are not doing more for them.

Very cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

COPY.

Marlow, Okla., March 30, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton:-

I am so glad you were not offended with my last letter. I worried over that very much, for I was afraid you would not understand me. You see when one gets in a habit of saying saucy things they will slip into a letter, and while talking they might be readily understood for what was meant, it is not always the case when written.

Certainly the National was generous with us - perhaps beyond our deserts - last year. I wish our women were more responsive with their money but really, again, one cannot expect younger people to do without things to wear or little pleasures of various sorts which they might be obliged to give up in order to pay for suffrage work. It mostly has to come from the "old stagers". Now, I am absolutely shabby but I keep on because it seems more important to have the women of our State free women than for me to dress better. I am so glad you are to send another "boost" this year.

Now I do not know what candidates there are to be nominated this year. Surely not for State offices. Politics are in such a condition of uncertainty here. I am so glad to hear of Miss Gregg again. She has been flying around so this past winter. We (that means Mr. B. and Myself) are very fond of Miss Gregg. And I am glad of the kind things you say concerning her feeling for me. Truly, though, she ought to look after me for she got me into this trouble - she "sure" did.

Well, I was up at Chickasha again for an educational Meeting - a public meeting in Carnegie Hall - given by Sorosis.

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I wouldn't have gone but the State Pres. Fed. Clubs was to be there as a speaker, and I was invited to talk three minutes (long enough) so felt I could not conscientiously refuse. Was glad I went. They are always very nice to me (and suffrage). I am going to try as much as possible to lighten the expenses for Mrs. Boyer by trying to get, at least, entertainment for her if she is going about. I do not understand just what she is to do, however.

Thanking you for several things - not the least of which is "understanding"-

Sincerely yours

Wate H. Biggers.

P.S.

I learned today that one of the members of legislature has introduced a "child labor " bill with in it a provision of some sort for women to vote upon. When I learn just what it is will write you .

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March 30, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I am sending you copy of Mrs. Park's report of College work. Mrs. Stockwell says she was a great success. Mrs. Stockwell also regrets she could not have raised money for her expenses but she says she managed to have her invited out for all meals save breakfast. Poor Mrs. Park. Mrs. Stockwell says she wants to thank us for our generosity. She says she hopes she can have Miss Gregg again. She says Minnesota is growing.

I am also sending you a letter in regard to Mrs. Boyer and one from Mrs. Biggers. I am very anxious about Oklahoma. If things are left in an indefinite way and the President and Vice President are in Europe I shall despair.

Respectfully yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

At home Sunday Afternoon Mar. 20th 1908

Dear Member of the Business Committee :

I consider this an emergency letter hence I am inflicting my typewriting on you and writing it on Sunday. ~~Mrs.~~

Mrs Boyer came Friday afternoon and left that night, so that by the time this reaches most of you she will be in Okla. City ready for ~~work~~ work.

I was very much surprised to find that Mrs Boyer intended to do the same kind of work upon the same scale that was done during the Constitutional Convention Convention namely interview legislators, establish headquarters with clerk, have people in the field if she could find them, attend summer Pioneers Picnic and Farmers Unions and do extensive press work. Elizabeth and I went over every point with her and learned much which I did not know in regard to state conditions

1st. Mrs Boyer says that the state stands now as do most other states, that is, our question must be submitted by the legislators to the voters and that a majority of the votes cast at that election is necessary. If a man is very popular and runs way ahead of his ticket the amendment must have a majority of this large vote. Since the percent required under the Initiative law ^{is so high} it is practically useless as far as we are concerned. We have the advantage of the special election which the legislature may allow anytime. Such election requires only a majority of the votes cast on the amendment. To my mind this is not what we hoped, ^{YVE} ~~we~~ must remember that the Gov, the machine, the corporate inte

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the Gov. the machine, the corporate interests, the whiskey interests are all against us and that few legislators in the U. S. would call an election to consider a question which had such opponents as these.

2nd. Mrs Boyer tell us that aside from Mrs Biggers we have no women of our kind in the state; that Mrs Woodworth is by far the most capable . I have never seen her but I have an impression that most of you think her anything but a leader. At first thought Mrs Boyer did not believe that she could get any help from local women (Mrs Biggers always excepted of course) but later she thought that she might find women who could give her information and do some questioning in thirty out of the Ninety two counties

3rd. Mrs Boyer further says that although the Labor Unions are for us at heart and endorse us that their speakers speak for us when they come to vote they are apt to follow party lines . That a labor man who is a Democrat is more apt to vote for a candidate on the Democratic ticket who is not a labor man than for a Republican who is a labor man. She says that people were so anxious for state hood that they did not cling so close to party lines last election , particularly the Republicans, but that that was an abnormal condition and will not probably occur again.

4th Mrs Boyer says that none of our organizers have been able to enlist the Club women and that the women with whom she has to work are very ordinary or as she puts it " fairly smell of lard" meaning they do their own housework and are not overly tidy . Mrs Howe of Cleveland who looked into our work in Okla. last year made the same observation

Sen. Owen told Mrs Boyer that this is a hold over legislature (they were talking these things over before we went to Washington) and that of the fortytwo senators twenty one are to be elected this time.

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Mrs Boyer hopes to find as many as ³ ten of these favorable. She ~~type~~ expects ~~it~~ in case ten do so declare to work for them and to stay by them till after election. That next year we may possibly secure ten more and that eventually we will have the legislature. She does not expect to get any results this year although we both said in the same breath that we would not start in by so thinking and we both realized that something may happen to help us.

Now we see that O_kla. is therefore is not ~~an~~ an unusual state and that we could do this same work in any state. There are many states where the organization is ten times as strong and where the legislative conditions are as good but there is no state where a U. S. Senator is standing by and advising us. That is the only advantage I see. Mrs Boyer felt that if a man said he was for us she ought to stay and try to help elect him but after we three had considered this point carefully she concluded if the number so declaring was small she would better go on into N. M. I told her that Sen. Owen and part of the B. C. as well ^{thought} that she ought to work for the defeat of the opponents as well as for the election ~~of~~ those favorable. She said that she ~~positively~~ refused to do this. We asked her if she did not want to obey orders (jokingly of course) ^{and she said} that she preferred to follow orders but if ordered to wreck a train she would refuse. I was glad to have this point brought out as it agreed with mine.

We then talked about expenses. When we added her salary, her personal expenses, rent of Headquarters, clerk hire, office expenses (postage supplies &c) press work with postage neostyle supplies which she says is larger there because of the warmth, travelling expenses for picnics &c we find that it will amount to about \$500.00 ~~per month~~ a month. Of course we could all, three see the impossibility of spending that much since we have on hand only about enough

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for one month's salary. She therefore agreed that we might drop the picnics.

I do not feel that in the questioning of candidates ~~that~~ general press work is necessary but she feels that it is. We suggested that she use one cent stamps in the press work but she says that she is so opposed to that that she can not conscientiously do it. She said that she believed that fully \$1000.00 was wasted in Oregon by using 1¢ stamps. If I remember rightly she said that she talked this matter over with Lucy Anthony who agreed with her. She felt that she could cut down a little and send out 500 articles only each week but this will make the press postage come to ten dollars a week. I have been wondering since whether we could not get along with two papers in each county and thus ~~use~~ ^{use} with but 164

She spoke of her private affairs and said it would be impossible for her to advance any money (and she ought not to) and that she must have her salary regularly as she had obligations she must meet. She asked that I send a hundred dollars to Okla. Gen. Delivery so that she could have something to start on. We ~~owed~~ ^{owed} her for the Bibliography work and I had that money ready for her. The banks were closed but I will send her a hundred dollars in the morning.

I have never been in the field and consequently ^{have} been rather careful about pushing my opinion on certain field work. However I do really believe that when it comes to questioning candidates my opinion is as good as most of the committee's and Mrs Boyer. I did my first questioning twenty two years ago and continued it at intervals since.* Mrs Boyer believes that she should get women in different counties to question the candidates first. This might do if a state was well organized. Otherwise I feel it a loss of time. I think that the first thing to do is to write a mil d

~~and a persons letter~~

You may remember at Baltimore in his referring talk
* send that the result of the election was due to the questioning of candidates
dates. Those + I did not work and I thought he had given us too much credit. He had ^{to}

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and courteous letter asking whether they are not willing to vote to submit since this does ~~not~~ commit them to the main question. Those favorable are then out of the way. The indifferent ones I have asked local women where we had them and local organizations to take up. As Mrs Boyer felt so strongly about this I did not like to ask to change her way.

Now on re reading this I find that it sounds as if the interview had been an unpleasant one. It was not at all. She was anxious to know our point of view and expected full instructions. I ~~was~~ ^{was} anxious from the financial side and we could ^{wrt} sign a contract since we were so far apart in understanding.

I hope this letter does not take on a personal tone. I certainly have no personal feeling about it. Some of the committee think I do not like Mrs Boyer. This is a mistake. I have said to all members of the committee, to Mrs Boyer, to Mrs Biggers and to any asking who had a right to ask that Mrs Boyer is by far the most extravagant worker we have.

When Miss Shaw receives this she will undoubtedly send out a vote in regard to Mrs Boyer doing the picnics, curtailing the press work, the time Mrs Boyer shall stay in Okla &c. In the meantime let us ~~be~~ ^{try} be trying to think how we are to get the money. I presume we will have to borrow it. Will we make a joint note ~~as~~ ^{as} as we used to do or will we try to get some of our rich women to let us have it without interest. Miss Howland once did this for me and Miss Mary Anthony loaned us money several times. The association now has no ~~collateral~~ ^{collateral}. I am willing to sign provided the rest do ~~so~~ ^{so} but I would not like to take all the responsibility or be one of three as I have done. This is a long letter. It is of particular importance since it pertains to money ~~and~~ ^{and} I feel that as Miss Shaw and Mrs Avery will be away sometime this summer we ought to have every detail agreed upon.

Respectfully Yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

COPY.

April 1908

Coleman, Kent Co., Maryland.

April 4th , 1908.

Miss Etta Maddox,

Dear madam:-

Your letter of inquiry of the 3rd in regard to granting the Franchise to women by the Charter incorporating Still Pond is received, and in reply I will say that this is one of the very oldest settled sections of Maryland. Settled mainly by English and Scotch-Irish people. Their descendants are largely here now. The town of Still Pond has a population of about 300 people, quite a large number of whom are property owning women who have become town residents for convience to Church, store, Doctor's etc, as the town is very thriving. At a meeting of the men of the town during the past winter to discuss the question of corporation a committee of three men was appointed to prepare the Bill for incorporation. Mr. A. J. Hackett, John B. parrott and Dr. J. H. Kelly constituted the Committee to prepare and submit to the men tax-payers of the town, which bill granted the Franchise alike to male and female tax-payers of the town. Was approved by the majority in town meeting, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This is a history of the Bill which I have had the honor of introducing in the Legislature.

Very respectfully,

James S. Harris.

P.S.

I have in my possession the original Bill from which the law was engrosses. This original Bill and survey and plot of the town is highly prized by me as being the first to grant female franchise in Maryland.

Jas. S. Harris.

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

April 8, 1908.

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

In response to a request for the list of members of the Guthrie, Oklahoma, Woman Suffrage Club the President sends 19 names, and she says, "The above are all the members here now. Some have moved away and several have had their names taken off. Lack of interest seems to prevail. We got such a set back during the Convention that we haven't recovered, and the Legislature is "a sea again us". I think it useless to try to implore anything from them at this time. I have complied with your request and hope it will prove satisfactory as far as it goes".

Miss Maddox of Baltimore has just sent me a letter which she received from Hon. James S. Harris which I am sure will be very interesting to you. I am enclosing copy of it herewith.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

E.J.H.-D.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

April 16th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my long delayed account of expenses for travelling to Oklahoma in 1906, to and from the Chicago convention. Also, my expenses to and from the Moylan Business Meeting.

Oklahoma Expenses. As you remember, the agreement was that I should begin to count my travelling expenses from Memphis, whither I went at my own expense to the Southern Conference.

Dec. 20th, 1906.	Ticket from Memphis to Shawnee.	\$13.60
	Sleeper	3.00
	'Bus to Norwood hotel, where I stayed for some time according to instructions	.25
	When I went finally to Guthrie, I see I failed to write down my travelling expenses. I went directly from Guthrie to the Chicago convention, of which I send my account of expenses.	16.85
	Convention Expenses.	
Febr. 7th, 1907.	Ticket from Guthrie to Chicago	\$21.80
	Sleeper as far as Kansas City	2.50
Febr. 22nd,	Ticket from Chicago to Lexington	8.40
	Total	38.70
		16.85
	Grand Total	49.55

MOYLAN BUSINESS MEETING.

Febr. 28th, 1908.	Ticket to Washington	\$15.00
"	"	
"	"	
29th	Lodging and Breakfast at Clifton Forge	1.50
	Carriage to Hotel at Washington	.50
March 1st,	Hotel bill for room and board from Monday morning to Tuesday at time of leaving	5.50

RETURN TRIP.

Moylan to Philadelphia	.28
Philadelphia to Washington	3.40
Richmond, Virginia to Lexington, Ky.	14.00
Lodging at Clifton Forge	.75
Total for Moylan Meeting	40.93
Total for Oklahoma and Chicago Expenses	49.55
Total due me	\$90.48

I do not know how the books stand in regard to the payment of the Ky. E. R. A. pledge given at Chicago to the S. B. A. Memorial Fund. I asked some of

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our suffragists to help to pay it; and I know Mrs. Bennett did send a contribution. Please take out of what is due me on these expenses enough to complete the payment of the Ky. E.R.A. pledge, and let me know how much remains due to me; and I will write what I want done with it.

I enclose my check for postage on leaflets sent to newspapers.

Cordially yours,

189 North Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

April 20th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have allowed other things to prevent my replying to, several of your recent letters, more especially as most of them did not seem to demand a quick reply. I will now try to answer them in order OF DATE
FEBR. 28. I think it was advisable for you to promise \$50.00 to Mrs. No-land for preliminary work in Indiana.

MARCH 18th. I think you are right in your interpretation of the rights of Missouri Asso. of which Mrs. Mulkey seems to be the president just now. If the suffragists wish another president, it seems a simple matter to go to the state convention and elect another.

MARCH 19th. I would not think your letter to Mrs. Kelley, Misses Clay, Blackwell & Gordon needed any answer in particular; but for fear that it might seem ^{that} "silence gave consent" to your views expressed there, I will say that I do not consider my freedom to vote for what I think is to the best interests of the cause is limited by my ability to raise the money for the work I vote for; nor do I think you should object to appealing to Miss Shaw for any help she can give the Association because she may not like something which the Business Committee votes to be done.

MARCH 27th. I am not in favor of employing Mrs. Kendrick at this time. I was in favor of offering employment to Mrs. Day, even when our money matters are so stringent, because we all know her as a valued worker. It seems that we do not all know Mrs. Kendrick in that character; and now I object to undertaking any further expenditures for organization which would in any way interfere with the important campaign we have undertaken in Oklahoma.

March 27th. MRS/GARY MCCORMACK? RICHMOND? VA. Miss Shaw forwarded me Mrs. McCormack's letter whilst I was in Richmond; and at the same time wrote Mrs. McCormack I was there. She at once put herself in communication with me, and I was invited to speak at the parlor meeting called for the time mentioned. Mrs. McCormack is sister of Miss Ellen Glasgow, who has written "The Battle Field" and several other very popular novels. They are of an influential family in the city. I spoke to about 20 ladies at the meeting, but did not find them ready for organization. They merely wanted to be informed on the subject; though they promise to consider organization. Mrs. McCormack invited me to tea, where I met about a dozen ladies, among them Miss Mary Johnston, author of "To Have and to Hold". As I wrote Miss Shaw, I do not know that the literary lights are good for practical work, but they have a large audience in a way, and I am glad to have them take an interest in the cause. They were particularly anxious to know how the suffrage would benefit working women; and were very curious to hear all about the English suffragettes. They were under the impression that American women had received the idea of woman suffrage from England, probably from the works of J.S. Mill! Such is the fame of Susan B. Anthony and all the noble pioneers!

March 30th. As I said above, I do not see how we can employ any new organizers just now; though I consider South Dakota a very hopeful field for a campaign in the near future; and I would be glad to send Miss Gregg there as soon as she finishes the engagements we have already made for her. But this question can wait for settlement later.

SUNDAY LETTER OF MARCH 29TH. I am answering this by sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to Miss Shaw in response to the vote she sent out after receiving your letter. I am sending a copy of it to several members of the

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April 23, 1908.

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of April 20th duly received.

Glad to have you answer in regard to Mrs. Mulkey, Mrs. Kendrick.

Was so glad to have your report from the Virginia meeting. Miss Gordon was very much afraid that we had gotten hold of the wrong people there.

I must have expressed myself in a way I did not intend to about the people who voted for Mrs. Boyer's expenses in Okla. My idea was that as you four were so very much interested in the work you might be able to tell me some way to raise the money for that work. I knew that Mrs. Kelley had many schemes for raising money, and that Miss Blackwell had many hundreds of dollars given her during the year for certain work, and I thought she possibly might feel like giving some of this. She was the only one I thought might be able to give something but I thought the rest might suggest. It is alright for you to say that Miss Shaw ought to be consulted as well as the rest, but, you see, she did feel so badly about it and I knew she would not give any special suggestions but it would simply stir her up and I thought the rest of us ought to try to work that out somehow. I did not intend to convey the idea that the fellows who voted to raise the money ought to raise it, but it is always a good thing to put yourself in the other fellow's place. Now, Miss Shaw and Mrs. Avery are going to Europe for the summer; Mrs. Kelley goes into the wild woods for a rest.

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The burden of the financial responsibility and the running of headquarters is largely on me. Now, I have big bills to pay and no money to pay them with. Since the return of Miss Shaw's vote I am worse off than ever because the majority of the Committee voted not to borrow any money. How would you feel if you had the charge of Headquarters, the financial responsibility, and people would vote to do things when there was not any money to do them with. You surely would have to bestir yourself somehow to get the money. I thought the Business Committee voted just as you said, that they should employ Mrs. Boyer, pay her \$100 a month, her living expenses, and \$60 a month for Headquarters and clerk hire, but when she got here, ~~and found she intended~~ she intended to carry out a very elaborate plan, such as expensive press work, some traveling, attending the picnics, and special literature, and all that kind of thing. I not only talked with her carefully about it but I urged her to curtail some of the expenses. I told her we had no money at all in the treasury and I did not know how we were going to get through. She ~~ddd~~ not like to give up anything but said she would consider giving up the picnics. The expense she had estimated for her press work was as much as the National press work costs. I told her then that if she felt that she was to go on with that plan that we could not give her the money when she needed it and she might have to wait for part of it, and she said this she could not do. I was really surprised to have Miss Shaw tell me that Miss Gordon felt that this elaborate plan, which Mrs. Boyer had made, was the right one to follow. Then, I tried to make Mrs. Boyer understand what our vote what and what I

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thought the Business Committee expected.

You want to know something about the financial condition and why we have not plenty of money for Mrs. Boyer. If you look at the statement which we sent you a few days ago you will find the cash on hand at that time was \$338.91. Since then we have checked out all but \$138.48 and this morning comes a statement from Mrs. Boyer for \$167.10 which includes her expenses, personal, \$90.45, office, \$76.65. We have sent her \$100 on this bill and will send the \$67 more. This does not include her salary. All we have in the Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund is \$185. The reason I am troubled about this is that in summer time we get very little money. Clubs as a rule are not in session; people are leaving home and taking it easy and are not giving thought to raising money for our question. The expenses go on just the same. We always have run behind in summer. I usually let things go which I do not think are pressing and hence I have not attended to your bill which came a little time ago. Is this clear to you?

I did not vote on sending Mrs. Boyer to Okla. for many reasons. The principal one was that Haskell who is at the head of the machine there is violently opposed and I do not think we will be able to get anything. Then, I consider Mrs. Boyer a very expensive worker, the most so, by far, of any we have ever had anywhere, and she feels that the National rather stints its field workers and is generous to its officers and so she does not try to save. I have not made this statement to Miss Gordon or Miss Shaw. I am trusting you with it. But, I know it is so. If there had been one bit of hope in my mind for Okla. I should have felt better about it but I did not vote against it because all of

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the Committee except Miss Shaw seemed to think it was a wise thing to do and I must admit I did not feel like bucking such a force as that. However, I did vote against the clerk hire, the headquarters and all that because I knew Mrs. Boyers would send four or five times for that clerk hire and headquarters what we have voted ~~for~~. She has always doubled or tripled what we have allowed her and she always will.

Now, dear Miss Clay, it is my duty to guard the treasury. I am elected by the Convention. The Conventions knows that I am close and careful with money, and you, yourself, if you had someone of Mrs. Boyer's nature would carefully watch it, for you would know that sooner or later it would all be gone. I know what my duty is to the Association -- it is to care for the money, to get the best results from it and to do the detail work which the rest of the officers direct me.

Since I began dictating this letter I have asked Miss Hauser to look up the question of Kentucky's money. She tells me that Kentucky pledged \$100 at the Convention; that Mrs. Bennett sent \$30 on this pledge; that you gave \$100 and sent another \$10 for some people in other states. I think this was probably for your neices, etc, in Washington, anyway it is not to be credited to Kentucky. Now, we would owe you \$90.48 and Kentucky owes the National \$70. To square this up we should send you \$20.48.

I hope this answers all your questions and I hope you understand the spirit in which I write.

HTU-K

Cordially yours,

Hamel-Taylor Upton

April 27th, 1908. Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I received your letter of April 23rd Saturday; and have been trying to give it careful thought and am now going to write you what I think, though I understand that Miss Shaw has placed upon you the responsibility ^{the} ~~for~~ explaining the situation in Oklahoma vote on you, and therefore what I write is solely to help you in a difficult position, as far as I may. As I understand it, your difficulty is that you fear Mrs. Boyer will make the expenses in Oklahoma far beyond what the B.C. voted they should come to; and therefore more than we had money in sight to pay for, even when the pledges come in. Now this would be a very serious condition, if Mrs. Boyer had full power placed in her hands to conduct a campaign on any plan devised by herself. But as I understand it, the B.C. took carefully in consideration the means we had at command; and Mrs. Boyer was to work on a certain limited basis, carefully considered and made out. One limitation was that no person was to be hired, except a clerk, whose wages, together with desk room or headquarters, were to cost \$60.00 at the maximum. You do not give me the items of the expense account of office, \$76.65, which Mrs. Boyer has sent in. If the items lead you to suppose she has overstepped the bounds laid down by the B.C.'s vote, the course which seems to me imperative would be for you to write to her that ~~that~~ you are bound in paying bills by the vote of the B.C., and that certain items in her account were forbidden by the B.C., and you could not pay them except on another vote of the B.C. This strict construction, as far as I understand the vote at Moylan, could apply only to the employment of other persons than the clerk, and to the limitation that the maximum of office and

and clerk hire was to be \$60.00 a month. If I had your responsibility on my shoulders, I would certainly not pay bills on any other basis.

The B.C.'s vote at Moylan was not definite on other expenses, because in the nature of things, it was impossible to make out a definite list of expenses. I believe if the vote limiting the persons employed is adhered to, there must be a reasonable limit to other expenses. However, I do not think this is the only safeguard that ought to be provided; and now that Mrs. Boyer has been there a month, I think you might ask her to give an itemized list of what she wants for other expenses. I think she might give two lists, - one, what she thinks would be a wise expenditure, now that she has reviewed the field; and the second, what is necessary, to do the work with which the B.C. entrusted her by vote. These two lists should be sent to the members of the B.C., and be voted upon by them. I think your opinion in regard to each would be valuable as a guide in some of the votes; though, if the other members of the Board are as firm in their views of the situation as I am, some sort of work must be done in Oklahoma and New Mexico if every resource of the Association is taxed for it, and to the exclusion of other work we are now doing. I do not want to bore you with my opinions on this subject; but I would like to recall that while I was ^{writing of} ~~in~~ Oklahoma I qualified my vote for some of the expenses there on my expectation *I refer particularly to my letter of May 2, 1907.* that we should continue the campaign. It is true, I then hoped the Initiative and Referendum law would help us. I do not know how we could go on a more wasteful and destructive policy than to spend thousands of dollars in working up a state for years and then drop the campaign after we suffered one defeat, though there was still opportunity to continue it, as there is in Oklahoma. In my own business life for thirty years I have always considered an investment or expenditure of capital before I spent it; and then I worked patiently and steadfastly to make the investment bring returns.

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I have used the same business method in voting the money of the Association; and I am wholly unwilling to take any backward step which would make me appear before the Association as not having known what I was doing when years ago I voted that we should enter upon a campaign in Oklahoma. I am not willing, ^{to admit} either tacitly or otherwise, that the Board's management and methods in that campaign were so unskillful that it is best now to abandon all the fruits of years of work, and not to continue a campaign there though the circumstances are such that we can continue to serve that Mrs. Sperry's answer to Miss Shaw's circular letter contained the opinion that Mrs. Boyer had better be recalled. In view of such an impression having been made by the letters which have gone out officially about the vote in Moylan on the Oklahoma campaign I feel that in justice to myself I must be clear in my statement that I have not in the least changed my opinion of the wisdom and usefulness of continuing the campaign in Oklahoma on the lines voted by the B.C. in Moylan. I am willing to uphold it to the extent of my ability on those lines to which I think it should be closely held, unless, and until, another vote of the Business Committee revokes or enlarges some of those limitations.

I feel that all the strength of our Board consists in the wisdom of its management of the business of the Association; and since a true judgment can be arrived at best by a comparison of the views of all the members, I have expressed myself with a fulness which would be entirely unnecessary if there did not seem to be a degree of lack of unanimity which does not frequently mark our conclusions. When this does occur, however, I see no way of maintaining any policy whatever except by a loyal adherence by all the members to the vote of the majority. Each of us has to take our turn, I suppose, by concurring in something which does not suit our own idea. Last year it was I who had to submit (loyally, I hope) to what I considered a most self-satisfying decision about Oregon. Now, it may be some one else's turn.

I feel bound to use the same business methods in voting the money of the Association, and I am wholly unwilling to appear to the Association as not having known what I was doing when I voted that we should enter the Oklahoma campaign; or to ~~take the Association~~ ^{years ago} unjustly, as I believe, that our work there was done so unskillfully that it was best to ^{now} abandon it. I observe that Miss Shaw's circular letter drew forth from Mrs. Sperry the opinion that we had better recall Mrs. Boyer. I feel that in justice to myself I must be clear in my statement that I have not in the least changed my opinion of the wisdom and usefulness of continuing the campaign in Oklahoma. I know it is very hard to express oneself in writing with such exactness that one escapes from giving a erroneous impression of one's stand on some phase of the subject under consideration, and I feel that now I ought to say very clearly that I am willing to uphold the campaign in Oklahoma to the extent of my ability on the lines voted by the B.C. in Moylan; that I think it should be held closely to those lines, unless another vote of the Business Committee is taken which revokes or defines some other points. I advise, therefore, that in your correspondence with Mrs. Boyer you explain clearly what limitations the B.C. set, and that if she oversteps them you can not be held responsible, and that you have some of the details of expense decided by another vote of the B.C., which I understand Miss Shaw agrees you may put out, if you think best. (If you think this suggestion is worth following, I trust you will not allow any expression in your correspondence to make the impression on any one that any member of the B.C. is at liberty to disregard the vote of the majority, and to try to defeat its decisions, in any official manner.) In this bracketed paragraph I feel that I may have overstepped my right to criticize letters relating to Oklahoma campaign; but I will risk an indiscretion in my desire that we shall work unitedly for the cause we all love.

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I wish I could help you in your present financial difficulty. I had intended, if the B.C. voted to borrow the money until the pledges came in, to offer to loan some of the Bruce legacy for the emergency, with a small interest, which might go to the National treasury. I expected the loan of a \$1000 to Mrs. Jacobs to come in the 15th of April. But she paid the interest and wants to keep the money a while longer. I am still willing to loan some of that legacy, if either of the notes you have in Warren fall due, provided the expenses in Oklahoma are safeguarded within the limits voted by the Business Committee. You can let me hear about this, if it promises any relief to you.

The \$20.48 the National owes me on expenses I wish to be part payment of a hundred dollars I am going to contribute to the fund for Oklahoma this year. I will send the remainder pretty soon. You can make out the receipts for this disposition of the whole of what the National owes me; - that is, to complete the Ky.E.R.A. pledge of last year for \$100.00, and the partial payment of my pledge which I now make for Oklahoma. If you get pressed for money, and the B.C. are not willing to sign a note, I can personally lend you about \$300.00 without interest, to be repaid when the pledges come in. I wish I could do more for this emergency; but my ability does not equal my wishes.

I have just received the volume of the biography, for which I thank you. You said in Moylan you could send the books for me to audit at any time. I wish you would send them now, as I want to finish them during May; and it will take some weeks to go over them as slowly as I shall be obliged to do, because I have so many interruptions to work.

Give my love to all in the office.

Cordially yours,

Warren Ohio Apr. 30th 1900

Dear Miss Clay,

Glad to get your letter. Yes I know you voted as your con-
science dictated. I would not feel so strong on this proposition if
I was not the treasurer. I am glad that you feel that I ought not to
pay more than the amount voted. I am waiting to hear from Mrs Boyer before

I say anything more about the expenses. I wrote her in the beginning
& then again after Miss Shaw was here that she must not exceed
I note what you say about loaning ~~the~~ us money but as you will see ^{the amount}
by the enclosed I have had to take some money from the Susan B. Anthony
(Thomas) Fund. We may have to have your three hundred later but I do
hope that we will get in something. We are sending out the begging letters
and doing everything we can to raise the amount.

The enclosed receipts explain themselves

I will send the books to you tomorrow if possible if not the first of
the week.

Mrs Harper's memorials which Mr Owen wanted she sent just as she was
leaving N. Y. I ~~am~~ am going over it and will send it on to him
tonight. The time is short, if Congress adjourns the ninth of May as
it is reported it will do. I hardly think it will though.

Well lets hope we will get the money and that all will go well in Okla
If we only made any progress in the campaign I would not feel quite so dis-
~~heartened~~ heartened but when we have worked so long there and have no one inter-
ested to even quiz candidates I can not think but that we are not wise.
If I were only satisfied in my own mind as I was with Oregon it would be
all right. I have never regretted that money spent. If we had not done
it I should have always thought that we might have won.

We were all horrified this morning to rise and see the ground covered
with snow, it is snowing now very fast and thick. ^{the ground absolutely}
H. J. Upton ^{white}

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May 1/1908

Dear Misses Shaw, Clay and Gordon:-

A letter received to-day from Mrs. Boyer says:

"For goodness sake pull Miss Gregg out of Ohio, and send her into New Mexico to build up some sentiment and organization before you go to the politicians there." This request is in relation to organization and campaign, and should go to Miss Shaw and Miss Clay, but I am sending a copy to Miss Gordon, that she may be able to talk it over with Miss Shaw at New Orleans.

We had planned to have Miss Gregg go back to Indiana at the end of her vacation, and dates are already made there. It is my opinion that she better carry out the plans laid down. However, this is for you to decide.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

May 1, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Would you be willing to allow Laura Gregg to attend some State Conventions this fall, dropping her organization work to do it? I do not know as she would want to do it, or would be conditioned so she could do it. But, since we employ her by the year, and her time in a certain sense is ours, I am wondering whether it would not be wise to let her fill these calls. Two or three people have~~d~~ asked what her terms are and what her conditions, and I meant to talk with her while she was here, but we were so busy with the Ohio work that I neglected it. I would like to have your answer in regard to this so that I may talk it over with her when she comes back.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU-K

189 North Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May, 4th., 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your two letters of May, 1st., and will answer them in turn.

Laura Gregg. I would be perfectly willing to allow Laura Gregg to attend some State conventions this fall, if they occurred before Miss Shaw's return from Europe. I know it is frequently a great help to a convention to have a National speaker present. I do not think she should be sent any great distance from her field of work. However, I am perfectly willing to leave such engagements for her to your discretion; and as it would take some time to write letters when the occasion occurs I hereby give you my proxy to vote on them.

New Mexico. Your quotation from Mrs. Bowyer's letter gives me some concern, because it indicates that Mrs. Bowyer's idea of work in New Mexico does not coincide with what I gathered was the B. C.'s idea from Miss Shaw's correspondence and of the meeting at Moylan. In my conversation with Mrs. Bradford I learned that she thought that the situation in New Mexico was entirely governed by a ring of politicians, in fact by a boss; and that by getting the ear of these few men, or even this one man Woman's Suffrage could be passed through the legislature. When I learned that the Governor, also, was a good Suffragist, it appeared to me that it would be a fine opportunity to have the question brought up without a long and expensive campaign throughout the State. In fact I think New

Mexico is hopeless at present, for any such campaign and I would be wholly unwilling to inaugurate such a one. If we can not work on some such plan as I have described I am not willing to begin work in New Mexico at all. Hence, you see I would not even consider Mrs. Bowyer's request to send Miss Gregg to New Mexico. If Mrs. Bowyer's idea of work in New Mexico is so entirely different from that which Mrs. Bradford thinks might be successful it seems to me quite an open question whether instead of sending Miss Gregg there, we had not better take the New Mexico work out of the hands of Mrs. Bowyer, altogether, and place it in the hands of Mrs. Bradford on the plan out-lined by herself when I saw her in Oklahoma. We could then leave Mrs. Bowyer to give her undivided attention to Oklahoma, and as Colorado is not much further, if any, from New Mexico than Oklahoma it might be in the end, quite as cheap to employ Mrs. Bradford for that work as to have Mrs. Bowyer go backwards and forwards.

I feel quite concerned at this turn of affairs; and I wish very much that you would inform me of correspondence with Miss Shaw and others on this subject, so that I may know if there is any change in our present plan.

I received your two receipts for the expenditure of the money owed me, but you enclosed my letter to you, instead of a receipt for me to sign, I suppose this was a mistake and I send the letter back. I shall be on the look-out for the books.

Cordially yours,

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May 6/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of May 4 is here, and I have read carefully what you say about New Mexico and Mrs. Boyer's proposition for Miss Gregg. This change of base is one of the things which has always annoyed me about the Oklahoma work. When I last saw Mrs. Boyer she said she did not think much of organization, but give her the politicians; and she has written me this several times since then. Now she has gone back to Oklahoma, and finds the politicians upon whom she counted have lost their places in the machine, and she is entirely without ^{some of} them. I believe this is the reason she has changed so completely in regard to the organization work in New Mexico.

I shall report the contents of your letter to Miss Shaw, and when she gets settled (She will reach home on the 8th) you will hear from me again.

I made no mistake in sending you the letter instead of the bill. The only bill you presented was the letter, and we arranged it so you could sign on the margin of the sheet. I am therefore returning it to you for signature.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

We are to-day forwarding to you by Wells-Fargo Express last year's books for auditing.

#189 North Mill St., Lexington, Ky.,

May, 6th., 1908.

Mrs. H. T. Upton,

Warren, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my check for the remainder of my pledge for
the Oklahoma work. *\$80.00*

I have not yet received the books but am on the
lookout for them.

We have the Diocesan Council and the Woman's Auxil-
iary meeting in Lexington, so I am quite occupied attending them.

Cordially yours,

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May 13/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find receipt for \$80.00, making up
your \$100. for the Oklahoma work.

I am enclosing 56 cents. You will remember the
exact amount we told you was to your credit was \$20.48, which
with \$80.00 makes \$100.48, and the 8 cents postage makes the
56.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

#189 North Mill St., Lexington, Ky.,

May 22d. 1908.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton,

Warren, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I send a partial list of the names and addresses of the Lexington Equal Rights Association, according to the request in Miss Gordon's circular letter.

I also send the receipts asked for by Miss Hauser.

I suppose you received my card saying I would sign the memorial to the National Convention.

I am still working on the books,

Cordially yours,

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May 22, 1908

Mrs. Sarah H. Allen, North Mill St.
Miss Sallie E. Adams, #109 East High St.
Mrs. Nannette McD. Bullock, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. M. McD. Breckinridge, Linden Walk, Aylesford, Lex.
Mrs. Hart Boswell, #423 Fayette Park
Miss Mary C. Brown, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Thomas Bradley, #586 North Broadway
Mrs. Annie Lyle B. Barnes, #586 North Broadway
Mrs. William H. Barkley, #837 South Limestone
Miss Zoe Bassett, #201 North Mill St.
Mrs. T. D. Ballard, Lexington, Ky.
Mr. F. A. Cramer, #122 East End Avenue
Mrs. Edith Cox, #421 West Third St.
Mrs. B. L. Coleman, #376 South Broadway.
Mrs. C. D. Chenault, #462 North Limestone
Mrs. Sidney B. Cary, #629 East Main St.
Mrs. Helen Carrick, Corner North Mill & Third Sts.
Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, #122 East End Avenue.
Mrs. John M. Clay, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Sam Clay, #418 West Sixth St.
Miss Laura Clay, #189 North Mill St.
Miss Anna Didlake, #248 Market St.
Mrs. E. H. Daingerfield, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. David C. Frost, #415 West Third St.
Mrs. Mary C. Garth, Corner Third & Mill Sts.
Mrs. Shelby Harbison, # 281 South Limestone St.
Mrs. James D. Headley, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Margaret Hunt, #328 North Limestone St.
Mrs. Ida W. Harrison, Elm Tree Lane,
Mrs. A. F. Helm, #243 East Fourth St.
Mrs. Katherine Huffman, #417 West Third St.

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Mrs. B. C. Hagerman, #437 West Second St.
Prof. B. C. Hagerman, #437 West Second St.
Mrs. William Irvine, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. L. V. A. Kemp, South Limestone St.
Prof. C. I. Loos, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Celestine Logan, #220 East Third St.
Mrs. Thornton Moore, North Broadway
Mrs. Charles Moore, #472 West Third St.
Mrs. Mary G. Norton, #251 East Short St.
Mrs. John Morgan, Corner Pine & S. Broadway Sts.
Mrs. James H. Mulligan, Rose St.
Mrs. J. W. Milward, Lexington, Ky.
Miss Sarah McGarvey, #422 Fayette Park
Mrs. H. C. McDowell, Lexington, Ky.
Miss M. McDowell, Lexington, Ky.
Miss Mary Neville, #722 West Main St.
Prof. J. H. Neville, #722 West Main St.
Miss Zelinda Neville, #722 West Main St.
Mr. Wickliffe Preston, #200 Market St.
Mrs. Wickliffe Preston, #200 Market St.
Mrs. Wellington Payne, #210 Second St.
Mrs. Anne Roberts, Cor. Second & Market Sts.
Mrs. Katherine C. Reid, #201 North Mill St.
Mr. Henry Reed, #210 Second St.
Mrs. Mary B. Railey, Upper St.
Mr. Joshua Shaw, #457 Second St.
Mr. Hamilton Scott, #211 Second St.
~~Ms Kate H. Shaw, #457 Second St.~~
Mrs. Hamilton Scott, #211 Second St.
Mrs. Jennie Withers Smith, Lexington, Ky.

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Mrs. Katherine Spears, Cor. Rose St. & Washington Ave.

Mrs. Luella W. St. Clair, Hamilton College,

Miss Emma Shaw, #457 Second St.

Mrs. Susan H. Shelby, #224 Walnut St.

Miss Lucy Shelby, #224 Walnut St.

Mr. William Threlkeld, #230 South Limestone St.

Mrs. Robert Thornton, #328 North Limestone St.

Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Corner Mill & Third Sts.

Mrs. Mary Shelby Wilson, #224 Walnut St.

Mrs. Reger Williams, East Main & Ashland Ave.

Mrs. F. Zembrod, Lexington, Ky.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 30th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Miss Shaw has sent me the enclosed voting slip, which I return to you. I have also received yours of the 28th.

While, as you see, I have voted to give you full freedom to select your own helper in place of Miss Hauser, I am pleased that you have chosen to give Miss Coover a trial. I do not like to take Mrs. Day from a field where she has already made engagements, to put her in the office, when it will be an experiment whether or not she will be a success. I imagine Miss Coover is a younger woman, and that you may be able to train her into a valuable helper, of whom we have not a sufficient supply at our call anywhere.

You ask me about coming to Warren. As I wrote to Miss Gordon I can not come under any circumstances till July; so I think you had better not try to secure a room for me yet. I thank you for your thoughtfulness in trying to get a room which would have suited me so well. You know I must give some attention to my farm in the summer. It is useless for me to go to it till the corn crop is laid by, as the hands are all busy with that. After the wheat harvest I have more leisure, and then if you need me I would be glad to come for awhile.

I have had the advice of a physician, two dentists and a specialist about the pains in my face; and I am now hopeful that it is not more serious than teeth with dying nerves, which have made me almost an invalid for months. I am now going almost every day for treatment, and I had not intended to write more about coming to Warren till I knew how I was coming out

with this pain in my face. However, I can write about the room just as well as not. If I do come, I think I can be suited somewhere.

I am going to Paducah on the 2nd of June, to attend the Federation of Clubs. The Federation worked so hard for school suffrage that I want to help to keep them up to the mark for the next Legislature.

I am glad to hear of what Mrs. Boyer writes. I base my hopes from all politicians from what they expect to get from us, and not on their abstract devotion to the right. Therefore, I am not greatly troubled to know that some of them are not trustworthy. When we can show the political parties we can either help or hurt we will receive loyalty from them, and not before. How we can do so seems to me the chief direction for our study and effort; and I believe events are taking a turn which we can utilize, if we keep our eyes open, and our hands ready. I am a great believer in making ^{candidates} them announce themselves on our question, and then doing what we can for our friends and against our enemies. The Prohibitionists threw us over when they had a chance to help us, and they have regretted it ever since. Other parties can be made to see things, too, if we make the effort. No politician now hurts himself by declaring for us. Can we not do a little, at least, to keep in the background those who are indifferent to our rights? I am disgusted with W.J. Bryan; and, in passing, with "The Public", which has never uttered one word of disapproval of his announcement of indifference to our question. I do not care to renew my subscription to the "Public" on that account. Ought you not to call the attention of the editor to his inconsistency and bad faith to suffragists?

Cordially yours,

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

May 27, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have a long letter from Mrs. Boyer. I am reporting some things which it contains. Not that anything important has developed but because we will be better to judge of matters if we know the conditions as they occur.

I think Mrs. Boyer feels troubled because the Oklahoma people are not doing anything at all. They seem to be wholly irresponsible. She puts a lot of vim into things and yet she cannot arouse them. If she cannot do it I do not think anybody can.

Mrs. Coryell was appointed a delegate to wait upon the Baptist Convention and speak for suffrage and ask for a resolution. Although she promised to do it she did not appear at all and Mrs. Boyer had to make the address. This was a hard thing to do, of course, and she has made an attempt to get a resolution for suffrage into this convention through the members of the convention who are from the enfranchised states.

In the meantime, she has left the work of interviewing the candidates who were left over from last legislature to the coming one, and consequently are in Guthrie, to the Guthrie women. She laid out the plans and then left them to carry them out but she says they have not done this at all and she is so alarmed about it that she left the Baptist resolution and has gone to Guthrie to try to see these legislators herself.

Now, when we were in Oklahoma we had three staunch friends,- Senator Owens, Harvey Lynch, and Pete Henraty. Mr. Owen is beloved by the people but it seems that by one of those turns of the political-wheel that the machine is going over from Owen to Gore. Mrs. Boyers says that the Oklahoman, which indicates the pulse of the machine, has not been talking at all for Owen but has been talking, instead, for Gore. Then, it seems that during the campaign, (I just learned this from another source and now Mrs. Boyer confirms it) that Haskell got displeased with Lynch and had published a picture of him in prison clothes. Just how or where he got hold of this picture is not known. Lynch kept quiet about it, saying it was not his picture and that he was getting proff for it. This he never did. My informant said that people thought Lynch was innocent and that Haskell bought him off. It seems this must not be true since Mrs. Boyer says "Lynch called on me yesterday. We had a long talk. He looks very seedy and says he is broke". The Oklahoma papers are full of accounts of his irregularity in issuing checks that are worthless. He has adjusted things somehow and he is out on bail. This part of the letter Mrs. Boyer says is not to be told outside of our own ranks and of course, we would not think of suggestion such a thing as telling it.

She then tells a lot of inside history about the coming campaign and the part Lynch and Haskell will play in it, but

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I will not repeat that since it is largely speculative. Mrs. Boyer feels as if the Lynch men, who will probably be independents under Herst, will be able to do some things for us, or she hopes the whole combination will. Anyway, she thinks that this combination, together with the Socialist vote, and some other votes, will cut down Haskell's majority and may be his undoing.

When Mrs. Boyer was here she told me that Pete Henraty who we all liked so well, I mean liked what he did for us, got drunk. When, therefore, it was decided to take the \$100 which Oklahoma had given and make two people life members, Owen and Henraty were proposed. I suggested that if Henraty had fallen from grace and was imbibing too much, that we ought not to have him on our list. Mrs. Boyer wrote back and said she did not say Henraty was a drunkard, but simply that he drank now and then. I asked Miss Gregg her opinion and she thought Henraty did so much for us among the labor people, that if Owen was recognized Henraty ought to be. I felt that we ought to go slow on Henraty, however. Now, Mrs. Boyer says in her today's letter "Pete Henraty was so drunk he could hardly take the oath of office; has scarcely been sober since. Several weeks ago he lay in a drunken sleep in the Royal at Guthrie, his hat was lying on the floor and his mouth was wide open with flies crawling into it. Haskell, wife and daughter came into the lobby and all gazed at him". She later says that it may be that the Legislature will impeach him. To me, this is a very sad picture, but it makes me feel more than ever that we ought not to honor Henraty with a life membership. Miss Gregg has not, of course, this information but she says that Mrs. Henraty was always afraid that Pete would go to peices and therefore clung very closely to him.

In a letter previous to this one from Mrs. Boyer she gives us the names of 14 legislators who will stand for our suffrage measures. She says she has doubt of two of them. I showed the list to Miss Gregg and she said she doubted several of them. She interviewed them when she was there. She says they mean all right but under the pressure of the machine, we cannot absolutely bank on them. Mrs. Boyer puts it tersely thus "Am just a little doubtful of the last two. Think they are lying. But then, it is all a question of expediency with them".

A Mrs. Morrison who moved from Ohio to Oklahoma is looking after the people in her part of the country. I know her well. She was president of one of our clubs and is a good worker.

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Very cordially yours,

Warren Ohio May 28th 1908

Dear Miss Clay,

Miss Shaw writes me that she was in N. O. when she heard of Elizabeth's break down and she consulted Miss Gordon as to what to do. They decided to ask you to come to Headquarters for part of the summer. Miss Shaw reports that you will be willing to come provided I want you. Of course I want you. You were great help and support to me when you were here before but it would not be possible for you to take Elizabeth's place for you could not stand to work as the one will have to work who takes her place.

I have made up my mind that Elizabeth shall not come back to the work ~~will do so~~ for six months unless her family think it is right for her to do so. I will not be responsible for the result. The doctors all agree that she has nothing the matter with her except a run down condition and that all the danger is that she is and will be unable to resist if anything should attack her. Well now I had two schemes. I thought that as we had partly agreed to take Miss Day as an organizer that the best thing we could do was to bring her to headquarters and let her get acquainted with the business. She writes me that she can come and would be glad to do so. She says that she worked a long time before her marriage in a publishing house and she will therefore be of help in the Press work and in the proof reading of Progress. She says that the Maine people have planned for her through the month of June and she would hate to disappoint them. In the mean time Miss Bertha Coover of London Ohio the Cor. Sec. of

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the state is a good pen woman and would be of great value to me and would fit into the office verty well. I wrote her about Elizabeth and asked her if she could come if I had to have her. I think I would prefer her to Mrs Day in some way s but as we are so hard up for money and would have employ M^{rs}s

Day I thought that it might be better business sense to have ^{+ some putting money into the field} her. We have to take into account that Mrs Day's expenses ~~of~~ travelling I mean would be heavy. After thinking it all over I have concluded to ask Miss Coover to come for a month. Then if she likes it and Mrs Day is other wise employ employed she can stay otherwise Mrs Day can come and take up the work. We Will probably vote to pay Elizabeth half ~~of~~ pay and the expenses of either Miss Coover or Mrs Day will not be very great. I hope that all together that it will not run much over Elizabeth's old salary.

Now I have engaged rooms and board for Miss Coover in the ~~W~~ eastern part of town. Last night Mrs ^{Selby} ~~delivered~~ /you staid ~~in~~ when you were here, came over and ^said that she was going away for the summer and was to rent her house to a young married woman who wanted to ^{rent} rent rooms. I told her that you might possibly come up and if so you might want the ~~rent~~ room. You could take your meals at the Mahoning Club where Miss Reilly boards and ^{be} near us. She will want to know soon so I wish you would write me. I want you to do whatever you want to do about this. Personally I would love to have you and you would be a comfort to me but I can get through without you. I am so glad you understand me and that I can say this just as I want to.

Good Night.

on rereading this sounds as if I did not want you I do but I do not want you to feel that you have to come Harriet-

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 30th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have two voting slips from Miss Shaw, the votes on which she asks to be returned to you.

The one relating to Miss Hauser's vacation I return with vote, No. " " Miss Shaw gives two reasons for an affirmative vote. I suppose you have seen her circular letter. One reason is, that Miss Hauser has worked for us many years, at a salary much less than she ought to have had, or than she earned. I do not admit this argument. Miss Hauser has received what she agreed to accept; and if she has sacrificed time and labor for the suffrage cause, it was a free-will offering, which we must accept, just as all the means of the Association have come from similar free-will offerings of unpaid labor and service, - even the salary which Miss Hauser has received. Any sort of argument that the Association owes her back pay seems to me a wholly untenable business proposition.

The second reason has much force with me, - that she is so valuable to our work that it is to the advantage of it for us to do anything we can to restore her to health and to the work of the Association. Nevertheless, I do not think the circumstances justify an affirmative vote to the question. From all I hear, it is exceedingly probable that Miss Hauser ought not, in justice to herself, return to suffrage work for many months, perhaps never. If we call her absence a holiday and pay her half wages, it will be in fact a sort of retainer on her, which will have the effect of interfering with her freedom of choosing some other field of employment when her health is re-established. I think this is an injustice to her,

for everything seems to indicate that it would be beneficial to her to be relieved entirely from any further responsibility to our work, and left at perfect liberty to find the employment which will make the least drain upon her vitality. Also, I do not think it is good business policy for us to bind ourselves in any way to hold open the place for her, seeing that in the interval we must find some one else, whose interest would naturally be less from the consciousness that she was holding the position only temporarily. My advice would be, that we give up all claims on Miss Hauser at once, thus leaving her free to seek out her own future employment; and leaving us free to fill her place under the most advantageous circumstances. /If her health warrants it, there will always be some place where her talents will be of great service to us, even if it should prove that the position she has held is not the best for her.

There still remains with me the feeling that such a variation as is spoken of would be a graceful expression of the appreciation of Miss Hauser's value to our work. While I feel this strongly, at the same time, I cannot see that I have a right to vote the Association's money for any thing that I do not consider ^{business} is for the Association's financial interest. I think that I must vote on all money questions on the strictest business principles, as I understand them; and on this occasion I do not see that ^{binds,} any obligation or probable advantage can accrue to the Association; and certainly the finances are not in any situation to depart from the very strictest economy in managing them.

Cordially yours,