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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK Sept. 24, 1909

My dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending you a letter which is rather a remarkable document from a lady in Henderson and I have informed her that it is not the custom of the National Association to employ lecturers who have not been first tested in her own state and recommended by the state association. I have also told her I am forwarding her letter to you and told her of the State Suffrage Convention which is to be held in Louisville and suggested that it might be well for her to come to the convention and let you see her. I have also sent her a petition which I have asked her to get filled and see what she does with it.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw

505 Fifth Ave., New York, Sept. 20, 1909.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I am enclosing a copy of a portion of a letter received from Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Boston. The money to which she refers is the \$500.00 which we appropriated at Buffalo for work among working girls in the east for the purpose of organizing working girls' leagues. Some of the money has already been used in Pennsylvania - I think One Hundred Dollars - the remaining four hundred is still in the treasury and can be utilized for that purpose but I do not think it should be employed in hiring an organizer for Massachussetts unless the organization is strictly among working women. Mrs. Fitzgerald and the Massachussetts women have been doing a great deal of work and I would be glad to vote something to assist them in organizing these working girls but that money should be used exclusively for that purpose and no other as that was the stipulation when the appropriation was made. Will you please send me your vote in regard to this matter?

I wish you could come into our National Headquarters and see how fine we look and how busy we are. We are eagerly looking forward to the coming of Professor Potter this week when we hope to take hold of the National work in good shape. I have not thought it wise to send a letter out to the state presidents until I talk over with Professor Potter just her plan of work. Please reply to this request as soon as possible.

A sufficient number of votes have been received appropriating \$500.00 if necessary for the petition headquarters in Washington.

I note that on page four of the post executive meeting in Seattle the statement is made "A motion prevailed that the Susan B. Anthony fund be referred to the new finance committee", but after we went into the business meeting we voted to place the raising of the fund in the hands of Miss Gordon

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and then voted for a separate finance committee so that this fund was not put in the hands of that committee but in the hands of Miss Gordon who is to have entire control of the plan of raising it. There seems to be a little discrepancy between the instruction of the executive committee and the action of the Official Board. In order to bring them into harmony I think it would be well for us to state that the Official Board appointed Kate M. Gordon a ~~xxxxxx~~ committee for the special work of raising the Susan B. Anthony fund and that another finance committee was appointed for raising the fund for the general work of the association. I think since we appointed Miss Gordon to the special task of raising the Susan B. Anthony fund we should have it distinctly understood that the finance committee which Mrs. Kelley and the president were to appoint should not in any way interfere with or control Miss Gordon in her work of raising the S. B. Anthony fund.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw

Sept. 21, 1909

Dear Members of the Official Board:-

In the confusion of moving I have mislaid Mrs. Fitzgerald's letter but the gist of it is she asks if we will contribute the \$500.00 which was appropriated to the working girls in the east to Massachusetts towards the employment of a young woman organizer to go among the labor organizations and organize in their state. She thinks if we can let them have the five hundred dollars they will be able to raise a sufficient sum to pay the rest of her salary.

Faithfully

C O P Y

[Sept 23, 1909]

385 Boylston St., Boston, Sept. 9, '09

Dear Miss Shaw:-

I remember that last year you were considering putting a young woman to work at organizing in this part of the world and that you asked me if I knew of any young College woman that would be good for the work. I also received your letter in answer to mine inquiring about the possibility of using the \$500. that was voted last year for work among working women. There is a young college woman here that I very much like whom is especially interested in working girls and women and has a real gift for dealing with them. She has also grown very keen about suffrage and wants very much to get work that will enable her to push the cause among factory girls and other self-supporting women. As I was talking with her it occurred to me that perhaps the \$500. could be used as salary for her for six months and that perhaps the rest of her salary could be raised in some other way so that she could give full time to the work in Massachusetts. Will you not let me know if you think there is any chance of using her and whether you would like to be put into communication with her? I think there are a good many people here that feel that the time has come when we ought to have here an organization of Self-Supporting Women.

I believe that Miss Collins could do very valuable work if we could manage in any way to secure her.

We had a very interesting campaign through the state and have spoken to 25000 people at out of door meetings in eighty three different towns and taken in \$55.80 and got over 2000 signatures to the petition. Of course we made it our chief work to reach the audiences with the speaking and literature of which we distributed about 40000 pieces, so that the signatures and money were only worked for us as a side issue. If we had had two or three additional workers who could have given their time to that special part of the work we could have doubled the results or more. This work included the meetings carried on from Boston once a week from the middle of June to the First of September as well as those of the months trolley trip. The cost of the months trip, including literature, press work, the purchase of buttons, flags, etc. was \$396.25, and the cost of the meetings carried on from Boston was \$175.59, making a total of \$571.84. I raised \$660.00 by subscription besides the \$55.80 taken in so I think we came out very well. I have sent you these figures because I knew you are interested to know how we came out.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Susan W. Fitzgerald.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have just come across the letter from Mrs. Fitzgerald and in order that you may know exactly what she meant when she asked me in regard to the money for Massachusetts I will send it on to you.

I have been seeing the different banks in regard to opening an account here and I find that a society which is incorporated has to go through a certain form before it can open an account and it has to be a resolution of a vote submitted on a certain date so in the vote which I enclose I shall have to make it a resolution and you will have to vote upon the resolution.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw

National Headquarters, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York

Sept. 14, 1909

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

This is my first official Board letter from our new headquarters, which I cannot say look very neat or in good housekeeping shape. The goods have not yet arrived from Warren and we are at sixes and sevens but we hear that they are at the station and are hoping to get settled before the end of the week.

Prof. Peck arrived yesterday and we are starting in with the correspondence which has accumulated to vast proportions in the time of changing headquarters.

I have not heard from all of the members of the Board in regard to the vote for the appropriation for Petition work at Washington, the memory of the different members of the board varies in regard to the vote taken but in Mrs. Stewart's minutes you will find this item "Motion prevailed to appropriate for Washington headquarters \$450.00 for rent and \$450.00 for light, heat and other expenses". Since this was the vote of the full Board of the Business Committee I should suppose that it would stand instead of the vote of \$500.00 which has just been carried.

Mrs. Avery has just been in Washington and made arrangements in regard to headquarters which will lessen the expenses, she will write you in regard to this matter as she understands it better than I do.

Another point upon which I wish to consult with you is the letter, copy of which I enclose, received from Mrs. Boyer

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yesterday. My opinion in regard to the matter is this - I have consulted with Prof. Potter in regard to it - that Mrs. Boyer would better send the manuscript she already has of the bibliography and let Prof. Potter go over it and then if it is thought wise to continue it in the same way to go ahead with it, if not then to place it in the hands of some one who can very quickly arrange it so that we may have it published the earliest possible moment. It should be out now, in fact it should have been out years ago and probably would have been if Mrs. Boyer had not been called to Oklahoma.

I am hoping if the Petition is to be presented this winter at Washington before we hold our National Convention that we may arrange to hold an Official Board meeting at headquarters in New York, in fact it seems to me that we ought to arrange for a business meeting this fall, there are so many things that ought to be discussed by the full board. I do not feel like taking the responsibility of deciding many things which will have to be decided and it is impossible to explain conditions by letter.

The death last week of Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Garrison leaves us and our cause infinitely poorer. My heart aches for Miss Blackwell in her loneliness.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw

221 S. Adams St.,
Henderson, Ky., Sep. 9-1909.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw,
Pres. Natl Woman's
Suffrage Association,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

A week ago to-day, I wrote Mrs. Decker, candidate for congress, at Denver, that if my expenses were paid and a reasonable sum for my time, I would go to Colorado and work for her election during the last four or six weeks of the campaign.

A few days previous I had written, at greater length to Mrs. Q. H. C. Belmont at New York, N. Y., making the same suggestion to her. But as yet I have received no reply from either.

This is my first opportunity to finish this letter since writing the above. By profession I am a teacher and am accustomed to making public addresses. About 20 years ago, when I was instructing in the institute at Saranac, Ill., I attended a lecture given by you on woman's suffrage. I was much entertained and to this day remember nearly everything you said on that occasion. After you concluded, I introduced myself to you and asked you if you would

come to Henderson Ky. some time. The most of our Henderson women, and in fact most of the women in Kentucky, still have queer ideas on what is "a lady's place". The other day the Woman's Club of this city - with a membership of about 200 or more - when passing resolutions deploring the many recent murders and killings and other lawlessness in this city and county and endorsing the Citizens' Law and Order League - recently organized - took particular pains to insert, "But we are not clamoring for the ballot". Why should it be considered more lady-like to stand around on the outside and importune men to grant what you want than to slip inside the ballot box and get it for yourself? My sister, Miss Carrie C. Tuell, and myself were present at the initial meeting when the Woman's Club was organized and the first committee named and appointed was one on "Athletics for Girls". One lady did timidly protest that the more important matters should take precedence over such as that, but that went down first in the club history. My sister and I decided we would not join. We told several and that "athletics for girls" are all right in their place and in moderation but that it will not make much difference to future generations whether the women of to-day ever learn to turn a somersault or "skin the cat". — I've often thought of writing you to see if you could not secure me a permanent position with the Nat'l Woman's Suffrage Association as a lecturer and organizer. I am a good traveler, am economical in making expenses, have good health

and can hold my audiences. I have done some cam-
paign work in the interests of democracy in this
and two places in other states. I'm sure I could help
the women's ticket a great deal were I to go to Colora-
do. I made my proposition to Mrs. Belmont think-
ing she might accept on her own responsibility and ex-
pect, as she has become so interested in women's suf-
frage and has such ample means. I fear now that my
letter was either intercepted here or that it never got be-
yond Mrs. Belmont's private secretary, although I marked
the envelope "Strictly Personal". There are many so-called
"best" men here who are amiable enough with women
until the subject of women's voting is mentioned, and
then you ought to see their thunder-cloud counte-
nances and hear them sneer and rail out about a
woman's place. The only public office a woman can
hold in Kentucky is that of superintendent of county
schools, and one man told me they had not intended to
let her have that, but it was through an oversight
in drafting the new state constitution.

I could do much service to the cause of woman
with state legislatures, as I've had much expe-
rience with our own legislators about educa-
tional matters.

I request a reply to this letter and trust you will
find a way to give me regular employment
with your association. Later, I can furnish you
necessary references.

Respectfully,
(Wife) Fredie P. Trull

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

MRS. IDA HUSTED HARPER, CHAIRMAN.

October 19, 1909.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee:-

Below please find an excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Mackay, President of the Equal Franchise Society which shows that the Association desires to become auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

"The question of becoming auxiliary to the National Suffrage Association was brought before the Equal Franchise Society at the Board of Directors Meeting yesterday. The Board was unanimous in its acceptance and I am writing to ask you to be good enough to tell me just what our Annual dues will be and any other details in connection with our joining your organization which you think it necessary for me to know. I need not tell you that I, personally, am delighted at this decision of the Board, and I feel unity is one of the essentials to the success of our cause."

This Society is composed of members all over the United States and they wish to join in accordance with the Clause of our Constitution covering auxiliaryship of the National Suffrage Association, Article III, Section 3, and I am sure there can be but one voice of the part of the Executive Committee, welcoming the Equal Franchise Society to our body.

We must all rejoice in the new forces which are coming to us from every side, and while we are not all agreed as to the method of work, we are a unit in seeking the same ends, and the new year opens with great promise of a splendid year of growth.

Will you kindly return your vote by return mail.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw.

(C O P Y)

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PRESCOTT, ARIZONA
September 30, 1909

My dear Miss Shaw

Yours received. I had been intending to write to you and tell you how well I liked Miss Gregg, and how much I thanked you for sending her to us, but we have been so busy since she came that I hadn't been able to find the time.

Please don't thank me, Miss Shaw, for the small amount I am doing for Suffrage. It is so insignificant in comparison with what I should like to do.

It is true that I am doing all I can at present, but I should like to do a great deal more. It is a real pleasure to have Miss Gregg with me, and I find her thoroughly competent and enjoy working with her.

Our work is necessarily slow, for everything has gone to pieces for the past six years, and it is like beginning all over again. I do think we will be able to pass our bill if Miss Gregg can be with us long enough to thoroughly organize our people and wake them up once again. Our work so far has been mainly through correspondence in order to get people to arrange meetings for Miss Gregg. She started out on her first trip the 27th inst., and will be back here in about ten days, in time for the W. C. T. U. Convention. She has been invited to speak twice before that body.

We have been holding parlor meetings in order for her to meet the ladies and I must say that she charmed them all, whether they agree with her or not. We are having good success in receiving memberships according to Miss Clay's plan. Now, Miss Shaw, I hope to make the Arizona people pay the entire expense of this campaign, but we are not in a position at this time to ask assistance from them, and I thoroughly appreciate the help that the National is giving us. I hope we may be able to return every dollar of it. I shall do all I can, but am not prepared to say at this moment just how much that will be, because my husband is quite heavily involved in speculation and I must wait returns before promising anything definite. At any rate, keep a careful account of the Arizona expenses, and some time in the near future we will square accounts.

Again thanking you most sincerely for Miss Gregg, I am,

Yours sincerely

(Mrs. John L.) Frances Willard Munds.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

October 12th 1909

Dear State President

PROGRESS. At the last official meeting of the Official Board at Seattle, after the close of the Convention, we discussed the advisability of making Progress, which is our National organ, a weekly instead of a monthly publication. We had had so many letters from Presidents and Suffragists all over the country urging us to print a weekly paper, that we felt there was a call for it and certainly there is need for it. I think we are the only great National association of Suffragists anywhere, or of any other reform movement as far as I know, which has not an organ worthy of it. Progress coming out once a month is of comparatively little value in carrying the news from Headquarters to the world. By the time the news reaches the worker it is old and past, and our present sheet is so small that we are able to publish very little news in it, nothing like the amount we should in order to meet the State needs. In fact, even a trifling report of State work in the present sized issue would more than fill all the space there is, without leaving any room for any outside information. Of course, a weekly organ is the desirable thing, and so it was decided at this meeting of the Official Board to ask the States to express their opinion as to the advisability of making Progress a weekly paper, and if this should be done, how much support we could expect from the different States. How many subscribers would each State President undertake to secure in her State? Would the united effort be made throughout the country to secure advertising matter which would help to pay for issuing the paper? Would any State which now issues a small sheet for the purpose of carrying its news to its members, take space in the National organ, paying to this organ the amount of money which it now pays for issuing its own sheet? This matter is very important, because if we are to start a weekly organ, we will have to have financial assistance or it cannot be done. We have been assured that we must have from ten

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to twenty thousand dollars back of us before beginning, in order to make it quite a success. Will you make any suggestions which you think would be helpful in regard to this matter, and kindly reply before the first of November, as that is the time when the decision must be made, in order to enter the paper in the New York Post Office?

If it is decided that it is ill-advised to attempt a weekly paper at present, would you recommend increasing the present monthly issue to twice its present size?

NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS. The work has opened up in the New York Headquarters in a very auspicious way, and we are hoping for very good results because of the change of location and the opportunities which are opened for aggressive work. Prof. Potter has written for the November issue of Progress an account of the Headquarters and of the scope of the work planned for the coming year. I trust that you will respond to her suggestions and let us, as far as we can, keep in touch with you and your work. We will all be glad of any suggestion which you may make which will be helpful in carrying on the National work, and in any way that we can be of service to you, you can always call upon the Headquarters, and we will be ready to respond. Because Prof. Potter has so exhaustively written this matter for Progress, I will not elaborate on it in this letter, but simply refer you to the November issue of Progress when it shall appear in order that you may know our plans. This letter is simply to inquire in regard to your wishes respecting Progress,-- whether or not it shall be a weekly; what assistance we can expect from your State, or whether you prefer it to remain a monthly with increased size.

THE PETITION WORK. I want particularly to call your attention to the Petition work. The Secretary at Petition Headquarters in Washington writes us that it is almost impossible to get answers from many of the State Presidents, or any definite information in regard to the success of the Petition work. I cannot urge too strongly upon you the fact that this work was taken up by a vote at the National Convention, in which nearly every State President present and the delegates voted to do the work, and it seems to me that when such a vote is taken by a Convention we should feel it a sacred obligation to carry it out. The National Association has been at tremendous expense in doing this Petition work. The money has largely been contributed outside of our own National Association, and the money has not been taken from the treasury. We owe it to the people who expected that we would act in good faith in the matter, and therefore furnished the money, to do our best in raising a sufficient quota for our own States. Will you not see to

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it that the people who have the Petition work in charge in your State are stirred up to carry it on, and that all Petitions shall be immediately collected as far as they are filled and sent to the Petition Headquarters at 1823 H. Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Now let us make a rally on this Petition work, and before the first of January let us come as near having our quota filled as possible.

In a letter which lies before me, the Secretary at the Washington Headquarters says: "I am discouraged in regard to some States. I have written to the State Presidents over and over again and received no reply, and in other States the replies are so indifferent that I cannot get hold either of the lists of those who are trying to fill the Petitions or get the Petitions returned. There are doubtless thousands of names collected remaining in the hands of the people who are collecting them. How shall we stir the officers of the State up to recognize their responsibility in this matter?"

Will you not, as far as you have any power, act immediately in securing the return of Petitions which are filled, in sending to Labor organizations, W. C. T. U. and other groups of women the Petitions, so that at least you can get within something like a reasonable number of the proportion allotted to your State? Do not put this matter off. Remember, the work was begun because of your votes, and therefore that you and every other officer and delegate at the Buffalo Convention is responsible for the result as far as your own State is concerned.

We attended a meeting last night which nominated Hearst. On Saturday I wrote Mr. Hearst a letter, asking him if he did not believe that women should be represented upon the School Board of New York City by women, and asked him to reply. The reply came last night, when, in the platform of the party which Mr. Hearst represents, there was a clause stating, "We believe that every child should have a seat in the Public Schools and that the conditions should be hygienic, and in order to secure this end, we are in favor of women being placed upon the School Board." When Mr. Hearst said that everybody knew where he stood upon the great questions before the people, a woman's voice from the upper gallery shouted out, "Where do you stand on Woman Suffrage?", at which the police started for her; but she stood up calmly and said, "I am not disturbing the meeting. I only want to know where the gentleman stands on Woman Suffrage." Mr. Hearst very calmly said that he was amazed that such a question should be asked, because for many years he had not only believed in Woman Suffrage, but he had advocated it; that if women had the ballot there would be a seat for every child in the Public Schools and that women would not be jammed as they are now in the Subway; that wherever women had the ballot it had worked

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well, for in Colorado, in spite of the two great political parties, they had elected Judge Lindsay and carried out other reforms, and he believed that they would do it everywhere if they had the opportunity. It was a straight-out, square statement of his position, without any attempt to crawl out of it.

We are putting questions to different candidates and making them give some kind of an answer. New York City affords a great many opportunities for work. What we need is workers.

I trust the year is opening up with as fine prospects for you as a State as it is for us as a National organization, and that we may look forward to the most aggressive and successful year of service in our whole history.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw

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Dear Member of the Official Board

Engaged
Mrs. I have not communicated with you very often since coming to New York, because we have been so busy getting ourselves into some definite shape for work that it has ~~occupied~~ all the time, as well as all of our energies. But in the meantime, numerous communications have come to us on various subjects which ~~will~~ doubtless be of interest to you all, had we had the opportunity to copy and send them out. In the first place, in regard to

WASHINGTON. I have received several communications from Dr. Eaton, all of which are trying to show that perfect harmony prevails in the State among the Suffragists, and yet they are written in a spirit which does not show that harmony prevails in her own soul, nor that she has been able to grasp yet the real situation, and either ignores or refuses to recognize the fact that she or the State Association are in the least responsible for conditions. The unfortunate thing about the situation there now is that another split has arisen between Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hutton. It seems that Mrs. Baker and the Kangley girls and some others decided to hold street meetings. Mrs. Hutton objected to this kind of procedure and so another division has arisen among them. How it will work out, I do not know. The amusing part of the situation (if there is any amusing part to the situation)

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is that each seems to blame the other, at the same time trying to emphasize the fact that there is no difference of opinion and no difficulty. I think the best thing for us to do as a National Association is to keep quiet for a little time longer, and simply wait and see what the Suffragists themselves do, before we go to the rescue of any of them.

Miss Field, in the meantime, has written to Mrs. Belmont, asking for \$5,000 with which to put a lecturer in the field, and Mrs. Belmont has turned the letter over to me. I have not yet answered it, but I shall answer it, stating that it is impossible for the National to do anything of this sort at the present time under the present circumstances. Naturally, we haven't the \$5,000 to put in the field, so that no matter how desirous we might be of doing so, it would be impossible. But as far as I can make out, the situation in Washington is simply this: The State Society is going ahead with Mrs. Devoe in the field. A new society was to be formed last week with Mrs. Hill at the head, and the militant branch will probably either be auxiliary to one or the other of these or have a society of its own. Now, if they will only enter into a holy rivalry and each one do the best she can, it looks as if a good deal of work would be done in this State.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Mrs. Avery has started for South Dakota. She is to stop on the way in Chicago for a few days for rest and then will meet Mrs. Johnson at Sioux Falls. Mrs. Johnson is arranging for a mass Convention at Sioux Falls when the Suffrage campaign is to be launched in the State. I shall be there for three or four days in November, and speak at this meeting and try to do what I can to help them start off with a boom. Mrs. Avery will remain a few days longer assisting Mrs. Johnson in starting Headquarters and getting things under way. I will enclose in this letter the result of the various votes which have recently been sent out and by which you will see that a majority have voted to send some money for the organization of working women in Massachusetts, in response to Mrs. Fitzgerald's demand, and that they have also voted unanimously so far as the vote has been returned, to ask Mrs. Boyer to send the bibliography as far as she has arranged it, in order that Prof. Potter may look it over before we decide whether to go on with it.

In regard to Banking. Most of the money which comes to us is in small checks or small post office orders, anywhere from 15¢ to \$2.00 or \$3.00. The banks in New York

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charge ten cents on all small checks, unless they are presented in groups up to \$100.00, when the one charge covers all the checks to that amount. As our money comes in in such little Eriblets, and we don't want to keep it about the office, but want to deposit it, and as we do not have to pay on Philadelphia banks, I feel it would be better for us to bank with the bank with which I am connected in Philadelphia and pay all bills with a Philadelphia check. This will save paying any exchange on small deposits, so that if there is no objection, we will continue the banking in Philadelphia just as I have been doing so far, notwithstanding the vote which has been sent out to open a banking account here.

The Multigraph which came from Headquarters was so badly damaged en route that it is impossible to use it. At first, the man who inspected it said it could not be remedied. He afterwards took it to the manufactory to get an estimate and they say it will cost \$71 to put it in shape again. But they advise our getting a new machine, and as the new up-to-date machine costs \$350.00, this one having cost \$250, it seems like a tremendous amount of money to pay out, but we need some such machine here for multiplied work, and we must either get a new one or have this one mended. Personally, I am in favor of having this one mended, but if the rest of you feel it would be wiser to get a new one, the Company have offered us \$75 toward a new machine if we will exchange the old one. So that that would leave us paying \$275 for the new machine. I wish you would vote as to whether you feel it is better to get a new machine which is considered very much better than the old one, or to have the old machine mended, which to my mind would be quite good enough for the kind of work we do.

PROF. POTTER. Prof. Potter, as you know, arrived some time ago and she is getting hold of the work and its interests quite rapidly. She is busy preparing a letter for Progress, outlining the scope of the work for the coming year, and has suggested a great many plans for reaching other bodies of women which I will explain later, or which she herself will explain to the Board later.

HEADQUARTERS. The utility of the Headquarters is manifest from the numbers of people who are coming in, not only to see us, but to ask what work they can do and how they can help build up the Society. These we pass along to the State and local clubs, and as far as we can, try to cooperate with

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them in the local work. But there are a number of people who want to join the National, and come into the office and pay their membership dues here, and people are writing us from different parts of the country asking how they can unite with the Association and be one of the workers. Of course, we have been deluged with letters from people who have all sorts of schemes by which we can go rich in cooperating with them and other numerous people who desire work. The idea has gotten abroad that all the Mackay and Belmont millions are back of us, and so everybody with a patent to put on the market and everybody with a castle to sell in Europe, and everybody who is poor and needy naturally gravitate to us. At least, it shows the world is hearing about us. It was the opinion of the whole Headquarters force that the best thing to be done in starting off our work here, was to have as soon as possible a large public meeting in Carnegie Hall. This meeting should have been held in October, but there were so many other Suffrage meetings at that time that we decided to postpone it until November, and now we have engaged the Hall for November 17th and we hope to have a large public meeting. We have announced it as in the interest of the South Dakota campaign in order to give it a national character.

I am enclosing copies of a letter which Mrs. Munde has sent in, which will show you that she is continuing her interest in the Suffrage work, and that she is helping Miss Gregg. Miss Gregg says she has been very friendly and helpful and has tried to do everything she could for the work.

Miss Penfield writes to me in regard to her work in South Dakota that she has been doing a very active work in getting before fairs and annual meetings of various sorts. She writes very favorably of the outlook there, but all of the correspondence between Mrs. Johnson and us has been carried on through Mrs. Avery, because Mrs. Avery was going to South Dakota and it was important that she and Mrs. Johnson should understand exactly the status of the work there by the time of Mrs. Avery's arrival. So that I have had no direct correspondence with Mrs. Johnson for about four weeks, but I judge her principal work has been in attending the Federation of Club meetings of which she was the President, and trying to get their cooperation in the work during the campaign. As you saw by the press probably, the State Federation passed a unanimous vote in favor of Suffrage, and agreed to as-

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sist in the campaign work. That certainly was a good piece of work for Mrs. Johnson to have accomplished.

I go to Bryn Mawr tomorrow to talk with President Thomas and Miss Garrett about the National College work, and to try to arrange other things in connection with the Fund, as there has been no division of the Thomas-Garrett Fund for the present year. So that I do not know just how much we are to be allowed for literature and other necessary expenses.

As you doubtless have seen from Progress and other papers, Mrs. Ivins and Mrs. Parsons practically furnished the President's office, - Mrs. Ivins securing desks for myself and Prof. Potter, a couch and some chairs, and Mrs. Parsons furnished the rug for the floor. We had to get a small bookcase and table and one or two other chairs. Very little furniture had to be bought for the large office rooms. Only one new desk for Prof. Peck and some chairs and a typewriter table. The book-shelves which were sent from Warren were utilized by paying the carpenters for work in putting them up and re-making them. They cost about \$50 less than they would have bought them. Miss Peck had tops put on some of the large packing boxes and had them covered with green burlap, so that they are very useful as well as ornamental, and make good stowing-away places. The unfortunate thing about the Headquarters is that there is not a single closet in the room, so that we have no place out of sight in which to put things. The fact that so many friends have donated things to us has made the furnishing much cheaper than we expected, so that we are really getting moved into our Headquarters with much less money than we dared to hope. We have found the friends here very willing to assist whenever we have appealed to them.

On last Friday there was organized by the State Society a new Suffrage Club called "The Cooperative Service Club", every member of which has to do work in some way to help along the cause. A very enthusiastic group came together, and I feel that it is going to be a most helpful body of women. In two or three weeks more when we have gotten hold of the situation a little better and people know us a little better, we will be able to tell of some good work already under way, as well as of plans for the future.

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I wish if anything suggests itself to you which it would be well for us to do as a Society, you would write it either to Prof. Potter or myself, so that we will try to put it in motion.

Faithfully

Buna H. Shaw

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(C O P Y)

Cottonwood, Arizona

Oct. 1, 1909

Rev. Anna E. Shaw

Am having fine meetings in the
Verde Valley. Am getting good Committees.

Laura Gregg

189 N. Mill. St.

Lexington, Ky. Oct/ 29/09.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have received your letters of October the 26th and I enclose my vote about the McCall bequest. The meeting at Carnegie Hall promises to be delightful. I trust that you will find Miss Aylesworth available for our work, for I am convinced that we need men to work for us and that in many places they will do us more good than any woman. I am delighted with Miss Gregg's letter. Is it not delightful to receive one written in such a cheerful and happy spirit. I am very pleased to know that Miss Lexow is to be a permanent acquisition at the National Headquarters. I was exceedingly pleased with what I saw of her during her trip to Kentucky.

Hoping to see you in good health in Louisville on the 11th and 12th of November, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Diet.

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October 26th 1909

Dear Member of the Official Board

Mrs. Pankhurst at her meeting said the first motto of their Society is "Deeds, not Words." That has been the motto of my life for the last two months, and yet I cannot say that with truth, for while I have been doing deeds, I have been putting in a lot of words at the same time, for I have been speaking so much that I have not had time to tell about it, and to-night at 8 o'clock I will leave for the West, and will not get back again until the 15th of November. Things are so pressing here that I really ought to remain, and I would have sent Prof. Potter in my place had it not been for the South Dakota situation, with which she is wholly unfamiliar. We have had to decide some things in a hurry, which would ordinarily have been placed before the Official Board, but had we waited to do so, the time for the thing we wanted to do would have been past.

MRS. PANKHURST'S RECEPTION. For instance, when it was learned that no reception of any sort had been arranged for Mrs. Pankhurst, it was urged upon us as a National Association, to give her some sort of a welcome. So we decided to hold an informal reception on last Sunday afternoon, which was the only day we could have her, and invited the Presidents and members of Suffrage Clubs and other Clubs in the city to meet here. Fortunately for us, it was a very rainy and disagreeable day. What we should have done had the day been a pleasant one, I do not know. But as it was, the whole seventeenth floor was jammed with people from front to back. The reception lasted for three hours. Mrs. Belmont had all of the rooms beautifully decorated with flowers, and it proved to be a very serviceable thing for our work.

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THE MASS MEETING AT CARNEGIE HALL. Before that time, it was felt that it was very important, because of local situations, in order that the National should give the impress of itself upon the community, distinct and separate from local Suffrage Societies, that it should do some great public thing. But of course, whatever we did publicly, would have to be done in the name of the National Association and with a National object, and we had to decide immediately, because we wanted the meeting, if we held it, in Carnegie Hall, and after the first of December Mrs. Mackay begins her regular series of public meetings, and other public meetings are interjected. So on the day when this thought came, and we were advised by a good many people interested in the National, we telephoned to Carnegie Hall to see when we could secure it for a meeting, and we secured it for the night of the 17th of November. We immediately set to work to announce the meeting in the interest of the campaigns in which the National Association is interested. We did not expect to raise very much money over and above the expenses of the meeting, but we do expect to let the country know that we are doing National work and that Suffrage is not confined to New York City.

Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Grenfell recommended a Mr. Aylesworth as the finest speaker in the State of Colorado, and a man who will do us more good than any ten women whom they know from that state. He is very anxious to work for us, and we thought that this would be a good place in which to have him hold forth, and to show what he could do, and perhaps later it would be a splendid thing if he could go into the field in South Dakota.

The meeting will cost us a great deal of money, but we are hoping to sell seats and boxes enough to pay the expenses, while of course, we do not expect to make much money. We have written to Mrs. Young of Chicago, the new Superintendent of Education, asking her to speak, and we are waiting every moment for a telegram. We have written to President Thomas of Bryn Mawr, asking her to preside, but I am fearful that she will not be able to do it. Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer is going to have an interview to-day with a man who, she says, will do us more good than any other man in New York City, and we are hoping for him. We are also going to telegraph to Jane Addams. We cannot get any of the leading Labor leaders, because it occurs at a time when they are in Toronto at their Labor convention, which is very unfortunate for us. But we are hoping to have a big meeting, and to do a splendid lot for the cause. Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting last night did us a great deal of good on the whole, because she was not at all aggressive and people were very happily disappointed in her. A few such meetings as that will do us more good in impressing the significance and size of our work upon the country than anything we can do, and it is a great

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misfortune that I have to be away from the city while we are getting up this meeting. It will require a lot of working up, in order to make it pay financially and in dignity and in power. If it does not, I shall be greatly disappointed. The work is increasing at such a marvellous rate here that I do not know what we are going to do with it. It is very significant, and we must make the most of it. I am only hoping to live to tell the tale.

THE NATIONAL COLLEGE WORK. I spent a day with Miss Thomas last week in regard to the college work and other things. The result is that Miss Lexow has a desk for the National College League in our Headquarters, and has been engaged by Miss Thomas as permanent Secretary for the National College work. President Thomas is so busy this year in raising her endowment fund that she has asked me to undertake directing the work. This I am very glad to do, because I can bring it in with other lines of work and make engagements for Mrs. Potter, at the same time that she is making other engagements throughout the West, and thus utilize her in the field. President Thomas desired the same appropriation for College work this year from the Anthony Fund which they had last year, which was \$3,000. This will pay the salary of Miss Lexow, the series of lectures throughout the colleges of the country which are organized, and organization work for the colleges, in addition to \$500 which she thought should be used to print appropriate literature. They also voted to comply with the request of the Business Committee at Seattle to appropriate \$1,000 for the Petition work and \$1,000 for printing literature, and the same amount for Progress which was appropriated last year.

This is a somewhat mixed letter, because I am dictating under very great pressure and have not time to go over it again, nor will I have time to reread it before it is sent out, as it cannot be written until after I leave, a fact which I greatly regret.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw.

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Dear Member of the Official Board

I am sending you a copy of a letter received from Miss Gregg. I think you will be interested in what she says of Arizona, and certainly if she is able to raise more than her expenses, she is doing well, for the expenses there are so very heavy, many of the railroads there charging seven cents a mile. So I am thankful for any woman who is at least able to make her travelling expenses.

A letter received from Mrs. Upton states that the bequest left to the National Association by Mrs. McCall's will is left with the understanding that the interest of it shall be used in the State of Ohio until women are enfranchised. I enclose also a copy of Mrs. Upton's letter, and I would like to have your vote upon the question.

There is such a lot that I ought to say to you before I go West, and yet I cannot do so in a single letter. But before I leave I am going to try to dictate another let-

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ter, which will be written after I go away, and I shall try to put in that much information which I shall learn to-day in regard to the college work.

Faithfully

Anna K. Shaw

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C O P Y.

Prescott, Ariz. October 9, 1909.

Dear Miss Shaw,

I received both your letters while in the field, and as soon as I returned I took up the matter with Mrs. Munds about getting an interview with Mr. Taft. She made inquiry of several men and they did not think it would be possible to get an interview, owing to the shortness of his stay in each town. He will visit only Phoenix and Prescott, and will remain but an hour in each place, and the Committees are so anxious to make a good impression so that he will give his influence for Statehood, that they are crowding the two hours more than full, and one man told her they were begging of him to take the time to spin into the Salt River Valley, because they want more irrigation there. So we thought the next best thing was to have Mrs. Munds send him a special delivery letter to meet him at Phoenix which will be his first stop, asking him to mention suffrage in his addresses in both towns; and we are also writing the President of the W.C.T.U. who lives in Phoenix to get a note to him by special messenger; and we felt that if two Territorial organizations made the request, he will probably heed it if we can get the letters into his hands.

We are also going to send a duplicate of Mrs. Munds letter to Yuma, which is the first town he will reach in the Territory, and where the train is to stop five minutes. He probably will not get that letter, but we are going to send it anyway. This seems all that we can do.

Now as to myself: once in Oklahoma when Mr. Owens sent me out to get signatures to a petition in a certain district, he requested that I should get a certain man to head the petition if I could. So I went to see this man first, and he not only refused to sign, but he said: You are out for a good time, and I don't blame you; if I could get to travel around and have my expenses paid, I would do it too. I thought that was pretty tough then, when I ploughing around in mud to my shoe tops, but it comes pretty near being true in Arizona, for I am certainly having the time of my life. Mrs. Munds is a constant delight to work with, and her knowledge of conditions and people is invaluable. And then it is so restful to ones nerves to work without a particle of friction, and to be in no fighting factions. My trip in the Verde Valley was a daily joy. I had long stage rides/ and some rides on horseback, through the most beautiful scenery, and there were numerous castles and caves of the Cliff Dwellers, where I picked up some pieces of pottery, and speculated on the kind of ancestors I must have had. Then there was a curious well 200 feet in diameter to which no bottom has ever been found, surrounded by caves, and there are soda springs, and all sorts of queer and beautiful things that I am constantly seeing, and the trips instead of tiring me are a constant delight.

I have had fine audiences all along, and I paid all my collections with my expenses (All my expenses with my collections) and had some over, and I got a lot of signers on the membership cards. Of course we are trying Miss Clay's plan of having no dues, which is the only practical thing for these far away settlements, for nobody could ever get the dues collected, and if they paid them the first year while I was on the spot, they never could collect them again. But if these memberships will mean anything in the power of numbers, we surely are getting the numbers.

And when I think of those long winding mountain roads that have to be traveled in lumber wagons in the dark, I just wonder at the audiences I have.

Arizona has a high grade of intelligence, both in town and country. So many people have come here for their health that have left cultured homes, and they are readers and are well posted. Away out in the country twenty-five miles from the railroad they know about Judge Lindsey and Jane Addams and all other great works and workers.

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I came to Prescott for the W.C.T.U. convention, and they invited me to speak both days, and gave me all the time I wanted, and were very nice to me. It was a good convention, and while it was not large, because the distances are so great and the railroad fares so enormous, the women who came were splendid women, and through them I have gotten ever so many appointments for the future. So it was well worth while to take the time and spend the money to come in from the field. I am going to return Monday to the same section of the country, where I have about three weeks' work planned.

About two thirds of my meetings will have to be reached by stage or on horseback. So I have had a full cache suit made, with a skirt that hooks up into a pretty walking skirt, and unhooks into a fine riding skirt. So I can go on horseback to the schools and talk to the children, as that is the way largely that I have to advertise my meetings. So I find Arizona quite different from any other field that I have ever worked, and I never enjoyed any other better.

Two or three years ago a Committee was appointed to get up some campaign music. But I never have heard of the music; we need something so badly in the way of easy stirring music. It makes a meeting so much more lively. Can't a campaign song book that is really a credit to us be gotten up by some of our musical talent?

Now about Literature. We want to follow up these Committees with a budget of literature, and I would like to have it as soon as possible. I think to begin with we better have

Do You Know?
Fruits of Equal Suffrage I. & II.
Judge Lindsay on Suffrage
Why Women Should Vote
Objections Answered

I would like to have Five Hundred of each as a starter. A little later I will write you about some literature for the W.C.T.U., as they very kindly offered to distribute our literature down their lines, and there is such a "dry" wave in Arizona just now, that the Liquor Dealers' leaflet will count. But I want a little more time to think about it, and I am rushing to-day to get the things done that have to be done before I leave early Monday morning.

I had a letter from Mrs. Bolles in New Mexico. She seems to have been having some hard luck financially, but when she gets her legacy, the first payment of which begins in January, I believe she will be relieved somewhat as to her living, and then I hope she can push our work a little more.

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I forgot to say that the W.C.T.U. were greatly pleased that I presented credentials signed by yourself.

Lovingly,

Laura Gregg.

Please send the literature to Mrs. Munds, and she will send it out to the Committees.

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C O P Y

October 19, 1909

My dear Miss Shaw

I have thought two or three times to write you, and maybe I have done so, in regard to the McCall will. The attorney we employed there seems to feel that we are going to get our money without much trouble. The administrator has been appointed, who suits all, and the bond of \$500.00 shows that the estate must be valued at \$250,000. In this connection, I would like to have you tell me at Elyria (just think, we will be there together a week from today), that the National Association will allow the Executive Committee of the State of Ohio to use the money as it may think best, by vote. You see the money is left to the National Association, the interest to be used for work in Ohio until Ohio women are enfranchised. This ought to give us \$500 a year and we are making some plans for work and would like to count on this. Of course the National can say exactly what Ohio can use it for, but then the National always has wanted to do what Ohio wanted done, and of course, I know it will now.

(Signed) Harriet Taylor Upton.

Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 25th, 1909. ✓

My dear Miss Shaw,

In answer to your letter of Oct. 12th, to state presidents, in regard to Progress: I am too little of a newspaper woman to offer any suggestions about running a newspaper, so I shall answer seriatim your questions about the support which could be expected from Kentucky. I find our people are indifferent to the suffrage publications. I have used efforts to have the papers well pushed at our conventions, and have also frequently made personal efforts at other times. I should judge that fifty dollars a year in subscriptions and donations for Progress, either as a weekly or enlarged monthly, is all that could be counted on from Ky. I do not think our suffragists are desirous of more frequent or larger issues. Our secular press is very liberal in giving space to any suffrage news, and quite helpful in seeking out such news itself, so that our friends do not realize the need for an organ of our own. Our State E.R.A. does not publish any newspaper, except an occasional news letter, which I pay for myself, print at irregular intervals, and usually for the purpose of saving letter-writing. It costs maybe three or four dollars a year; and I do not think its purpose could be served by giving the money for the National organ.

I do not believe our women would succeed in obtaining any material aid in the way of advertisements. When we try anything of that kind, we are met by the answer either that the business has already all the advertising it can pay for; or that advertising is carried on by some sort of a syndicate.

So far for answer as state president. As a member of the National Board I do not advise enlarging the expense of Progress at this time. We have too many demands on our funds now; and I believe we ought not to extend our expenses without being very sure that we have the money. Now that we have such a successful woman as Mrs. Harper at the head of the Press Department I think we would do well to see if the press of the country will not copy what the New York papers say sufficiently to keep the people acquainted with the real news of our movement. Our little monthly Progress seems sufficient still to give the actual instructions from Headquarters which are essential. I notice that all the Ky. papers which I see are pretty fair in giving suffrage news; and usually give it pretty freely. What we need is not more propaganda, but more real news. One more state won would make the papers full of our question. I have thought, and now repeat, that if we could make Progress a factor in our states where there is a campaign it would fill what seems to be a want. How would it do, if we can make it a weekly at all, to let it be the organ for one state at a time, where there is a campaign? I understood from you some months ago, that S. Dakota want to start a campaign news paper. How would it do to let Progress be given over to their news, or as much of the space as they desire, regardless of reports from other states? I believe what S. Da. desires would be as interesting to the general reader as state reports where there is no campaign. After the S. Da. campaign is over, let Progress take the next state where there is a campaign, and so on. In this manner it might be made a helper in winning a campaign, which we need far more now to my mind, than enlarged facilities for propaganda, or communication official acts to our rather small constituency. These are my personal views, but I am not desirous to urge them.

Cordially yours,

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November 27, 1909.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

I forgot to enclose the list of suggested names for PROGRESS, and I make the correction today.

The only name suggested which really seems to have any weight is simply the words "WOMAN SUFFRAGE," just as the English paper is "Votes for Women." It tells the whole matter which we wish to bring before the people in a nutshell. Others have suggested "WOMAN'S PROGRESS." To me this means nothing as a distinctive shobboleth. I would personally prefer "VOTES FOR WOMEN," but I do not like to copy the English name. To me it has a certain swing and jingle which is better than anything that could be given.

So far the vote in regard to sending assistance to South Dakota is all in favor of Mrs. Stewart, if she can possibly go. I am going to write her today and ask if she could under any circumstances be induced to go there for a time.

I am cutting this short, because arrangements are being made for me to go down and speak to the striking Shirtwaist Makers with about 20,000 or more women, and if I can get a hearing before them, I am going to give them a little dose of Suffrage. Of course I will not take part in their strike, other than point to Suffrage as a solution for many of the difficulties which have lead to the strike.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

Ky. Nov. 26, 09. .

My dear Miss Shaw,

I reached home from Florida yesterday morning and found several letters from you awaiting reply. I take them in order of date.

Nov. 20. I have read your letter about Lee Crandall. I take an Arizona daily Democratic paper and I have never observed anything said about him. I will keep the outlook for his name. I think we ought to be very cautious until we hear from Miss Gregg and Mrs. Mund.

I am delighted at the success of the Carnegie Hall Mass Meeting. I am sorry Mr. Aylesworth did not impress you as all that is to be desired, for I am firmly of the opinion that we must have men to assist us in our campaign. I trust he will turn out to be useful to us.

Nov. 22. I shall be ready to attend the official Board Meeting at anytime and place you designate. Let me know as soon as you decide because I would like to arrange a visit to my sister, Mrs. Crenshaw in Richmond, Va., either on my way to the Board Meeting or coming back. I have just received a letter from Mrs. Crenshaw with several newspaper clippings, describing the preliminaries of forming an Equal Suffrage Association in Richmond, Va. It is the most promising thing of the sort I have ever seen in Virginia. Very likely Mrs. Harper has seen the newspaper reports.

About the National Convention. As Washington and South Dakota were the only two places discussed at Seattle

more has come up to induce us to come to South Dakota, I suppose we had better come to Washington sometime in April, suitable for presenting our Big Petition.

I have ~~received~~ the circular letter from Oklahoma. I have been in correspondence with the Oklahoma people and as I believe you know, I helped them with their signature with \$100 from the Bruce fund, with \$100 of my own and promised another \$100 out of the Bruce fund, when they were through getting their last 1000 names. I feel that the campaign in Oklahoma is of the utmost importance and I wish to urge in the strongest manner that the National Board consider the Oklahoma situation at once. Please write to me at once on this particular point, as I ~~may desire to write~~ something further about it. From my latest information it seems likely the petition will be ready in the first week in December, and if the special election comes off in January or February it is evident that not a moment is to be lost. Write me if it is your personal opinion that sending Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma will be the best means of assisting them. Any opinion you may express before the meeting of the Board and that of any other members of the Board whom you may happen to see, will be very interesting to me. Shall you put out a vote on the subject before the board meeting or not?

Nov. 23. In regard to the name of progress. You did not send any list of suggested names, but it is a matter of less importance to me because I am so little of a newspaper woman that I ~~have little choice~~ about such things. I shall be glad to vote as you do on any name.

I consider the statement of Mrs. Harper about the World's reporters' mention of the orders from the Republican Leaders to the Republican women's clubs as exceedingly significant; for I believe that no political party will hesitate about granting suffrage to women when it sees political capital to be made out of it. This is a strong

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reason for me to desire to push the campaign in the Democratic states of Oklahoma and Arizona. Rivalry with the Democrats will make the Republicans pronounced in our favor, quicker than anything else I know. The fact that the Oklahoma Election may come off early in 1910 is a sufficient reason in my mind why the National should exert itself to the utmost to help Oklahoma. For a victory in Oklahoma would mean success in South Dakota, or at least it would help more there than an equal expenditure of money in South Dakota itself. Please let me hear at your earliest convenience what you intend to advise our Board to do about Oklahoma.

I continue to hear most agreeable comments upon how much good your two lectures did in Louisville. Really holding the convention there has given a new impetus to the work in the state.

Very cordially yours,

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November 23, 1909.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

An important question has just come up in regard to PROGRESS. It has been discovered that it cannot be entered in the New York post office, as there is already a publication by the same name, so that our name will have to be changed. Now the question is - what change shall be made in the name? I wish you would suggest names, and, if you approve of any which I enclose that have been suggested, mark them in order, first, second and third, etc. This will have to be attended to immediately, in order to get the next issue of Progress out for New York. Personally, I do not like the name PROGRESS, never have, and will be glad if we can have some name which will indicate that it is the organ of the National Association.

I have a letter in which Mrs. Harper made the following statement. As I received this letter when away, I did not have an opportunity to put it in my official letter, but am going to quote it to you now, not that it will be of any particular use, except that it indicates the attitude of the Republican Party in this State, and therefore its attitude throughout the country toward us.

"The WORLD reporter, Miss de Zouche, whom I consider perfectly reliable, tells me that she could produce the evidence in court to prove that Mrs. J. Ellen Foster has had her orders from the Republican leaders to tell all of the women's Republican clubs to come out in favor of Woman Suffrage, and at the public meeting of those in New York at the Waldorf day before yesterday, with Mr. Bannard present, their secretary made a strong speech in favor. On the other hand, a Harvard man was in here a few days ago who has been engaged by the Republicans to speak for them at their meetings this week; he has lived in Colorado and is a strong advocate of Woman Suffrage, but when he told the managers of the campaign that he wanted to say something in favor of it in his speeches, they said - 'Don't you touch that subject - it is a buzz saw and we don't want anything to do with it.' You can plainly see the game. They are allowing the women

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to speak in order to curry favor with them, but are not allowing any of the men speakers to commit the Party to the question."

I have just received a letter from the Railroad Company inquiring about the next Convention, and I suppose just as soon as we decide upon the date and place, we will have unlimited communications and correspondence on that subject.

I enclose a copy of Mrs. Johnson's letter, so you will know what the South Dakota President has been doing on her way home.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

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Dear Member of the Official Board:

I feel that a meeting of the Official Board is absolutely necessary at the earliest possible moment. Mrs. Kelley will be in the city the first four or five days in December, which I think however is too soon for us to get together, but I would not be willing to have a meeting of the Board unless we could all be present to settle some very important questions which are arising. Mrs. Stewart when last I saw her, thought she would have to go to California. I am therefore writing her a separate letter asking her what date she could be present after the 18th of December, if she could not be here on the third, fourth or fifth, which are the other dates when Mrs. Kelley will be in the city. Mrs. Kelley will be here also from the 19th on, but as Christmas comes so near the 18th, probably we would better have it as close to that date as possible.

One important question which should be decided at once, however, even before we have the Official Board meeting is - whether or not we shall have our next National Convention in Washington and, if so, at what time.

This morning's mail brings a letter from Miss Penfield, of South Dakota, in which she says that after working up with the Labor Assembly and other organizations, the meeting which promised to be a very great success for Mrs. Snowden in Sioux Falls, the Lecture Bureau made a blunder so that she could not go there, and they had to give it up. They have secured rooms for Headquarters, and are getting themselves established. Miss Penfield states that she is starting out in to the field in the south eastern part of the State and will be there until Christmas. She says Mrs. Johnson has gone back to Pierre, and is working her way home.

A letter received from Mrs. Johnson states that she made several addresses on her way home, and met many people. She felt that after the rush of the Convention, and the time she had in the field prior to it, she needed to go home for a time. I fear, however, she is so impracticable, that whatever she does does not really count for very much after all.

A letter from Mrs. Tinsley, who is at the head of Headquarters work in Sioux Falls, asks in regard to the W.C.T.U. making a poll of the town in Sioux Falls. She says they are very anxious to do it, but that they are going to do it in connection with the Prohibition and Temperance work, and would not make a distinction between the Suffrage and the Temperance poll, and asked me what I thought was best to do. I told her I thought as far as

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possible to enlist the cooperation of all organizations in securing the poll, but have it done with the Suffrage heading on the paper, and not the W.C.T.U., or any other organization, and if the W.C.T.U. insisted on a combined poll for Temperance, or something else, then for the Suffragists to make a separate poll of their own.

I have a long letter here from Oklahoma, signed by Mrs. Biggers. From the form of the letter, I judge they are sending it out to many people, as Mrs. Belmont received one. As the letter is so long, if you have all received it directly from Mrs. Biggers, it would not be necessary for me to copy and send it to you. If you have not, then I shall do so, as I think it is a letter we should all see and express our opinion in regard to.

We are busy dividing up the large office room to make it more convenient for the workers. We expect to get nicely settled before long.

Faithfully,

Rena H. Shaw

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Higmore, S. Dak., Nov. 15, 1909.

My dear Miss Shaw:

Thank you for coming!

Week's work - Method advertised thru school and leading women
during the day. Population 300 to 700.
All new fields.

Tuesday - Hartford - 5 speeches - audience 50

Wednesday - Humboldt - 4 speeches at school - addressed
Ladies Aid, 50 strong, in afternoon.
Evening audience 50. Committee secured.

Thursday - Montrose - 5 speeches at school - addressed
Embroidery Club, 40 strong, in afternoon.
Evening, audience 50. Committee
secured.

Saturday - Bridgewater - afternoon meeting with
club women. Evening, audience 78.
Campaign Committee secured.

Finances - Pledges \$58.20 - cash collection \$7.34

Cordially yours,

Lydia E. Johnson.

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November 20th 1909

Dear Member of the Official Board

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by a man by the name of Lee Crandall. He called at the office some time since, offering to bring Arizona into the Union a Suffrage State, if we would contribute toward his election as United States Senator. He talked in a very large way, as if he had the entire State under his personal control. I asked him to write out carefully his plan, and the enclosed letter contains it. I have written Miss Gregg and Mrs. Munds, asking them to give us any information they may have in regard to him, and of what value his services would be in the Campaign. It seems to me it would be decidedly unwise for us even to recommend in any way a man in the territory with whom we are not acquainted, until we first learn from the people in regard to his standing and ability.

THE CARNEGIE HALL MASS MEETING. The great Carnegie Hall meeting is over, and as everybody likes to speak of being the first to do things, seemingly thinking it is better to be first than second, we can at least say in regard to this meeting that it was the largest paid audience ever assembled in this country to listen to Suffrage speeches. In all of the Carnegie Hall meetings held heretofore, the boxes only have been sold, with the exception of Mrs. Blatch's when she sold two rows of seats to deaf people. But at our meeting all of the boxes on the first tier were sold, and more than half of those on the second tier, and nearly all of the house, - at least to within a few rows of the back of the house.

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Just how much money there will be over and above expenses for the South Dakota Campaign we do not yet know, as all the money is not in and all the bills have not been received or paid. But there will be a few hundred dollars at least, which will help to start Headquarters in Sioux City. We feel it is a very great triumph to have paid all the expenses of this meeting, which were much more than they really ought to have been, or they ever will be again, because every meeting teaches us both how to do things and what not to do, and where money can be saved and all that sort of thing. The greatest one item of expense after the cost of the Hall was for Mr. Aylesworth, whom we secured on the recommendation of Mrs. Grenfel, Mrs. Decker and Judge Lindsey, and we paid his expenses from Colorado in addition to his small lecture fee. Mr. Aylesworth is undoubtedly a man thoroughly interested in Woman Suffrage, and very desirous of helping the cause. He is a man highly esteemed by everybody who knows him. He has a good presence and a good voice, and some people enjoyed hearing what he had to say very much. Personally, I must confess to have been fearfully disappointed. Like most men, and some women, he thinks too much of well-rounded sentences and platitudes, and not enough of direct statements of fact and the little every-day things in which people are interested. At the luncheon which was given me at Hall House in Chicago on my way home from South Dakota, Mr. Aylesworth spoke for a few minutes. His address was so fullsome and glowing in its praise of women, that Miss Addams leaned over and said to me, "This is indeed very embarrassing for me. I don't know how you feel." I felt just as she did; and so I asked him when he spoke here, if he would stick closely to the laws which had been enacted in Colorado through the influence of women and give us facts and statistics in regard to women's interest in the ballot and matters of that sort. This he tried to do. I presume there would be a difference of opinion as to the value of his services in our work. But even in stating the little every-day incidents which he tried to tell, he had to have them written out and to read them, and as his eye glasses fell off all the time, his hands were in front of his face almost continually. The impression was not good. Still, I think he would be a very valuable man in South Dakota if he would learn what he had to say and stand up and say it, with the last end of his sentence as well delivered as the first end. This,

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I think he could do if he did not have to read. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Avery, as well as Prof. Potter were at the meeting, and , and I have had no opportunity to speak with any of them except Prof. Potter in regard to Mr. Aylesworth, and it might be that they would not agree with me at all, as I think Prof. Potter does not, though I would prefer that she would express her own opinion. But she is away at the present time, and I am not able to consult her. If I were to express just what I felt, I would say that if Dr. Aylesworth would thoroughly master his subject and go into South Dakota for at least six weeks or so before the election, he could do a great deal of good.

So far as the votes have been received in regard to South Dakota and sending someone there to help them get started, it is in favor of asking Mrs. Stewart to do so, but I have not yet heard from all the members of the Committee.

Faithfully yours

Anna H. Shaw

Enclosure

[Nov 20, 1909]

(C O P Y)

New York

October 26th 1909

Prof. Frances Squire Potter
Corresponding Secretary
National American Women's Suffrage Association

As requested by Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, I lay my plans before you for work in behalf of Equal Rights or Women Suffrage in Arizona and New Mexico. During the 61st Congress, these Territories will be admitted into the Union as States. I will be a candidate for United States Senator from Arizona, subject to a primary election for United States Senators. Now is the time to lay the foundation. I desire to speak in every voting precinct in Arizona, favoring primary election for United States Senators and Women Suffrage. I wish to subscribe for every publication in the Territory, mailed to my home, Globe, Arizona; have my secretary keep a scrap book so that I will be kept fully posted of the sentiments of the press. Soon as Arizona and New Mexico are admitted as States, I will make a Campaign with all the Candidates for United States Senate. I will arrange with friends in New Mexico to duplicate in that Territory my plans in Arizona. While you have a woman organizer in these Territories which is well, you depend upon the votes of the men to give you Women Suffrage. I have been a resident of Globe, Arizona, since 1895, have taken an active part in politics, without being a candidate for any office, having in view a seat in the United States Senate from that Territory when admitted as a State. With a reasonable amount of money for legitimate expenses, I am confident Arizona and New Mexico can be made Women Suffrage States.

Very respectfully

(Signed,) Lee Crandall

Present address, 2307 - 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.

189 N. Mill St.

Lexington, Ky. Nov. 15/09.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have given my most careful consideration to the situation in South Dakota as I learn it from your letter of November the 9th. If we vote to send anyone into South Dakota to the headquarters, I should prefer Mrs. Stewart first, as she is acquainted with the situation, and Miss Gordon second. I earnestly protest against any suggestion of taking Miss Gregg from her work in Arizona to send to S. Dakota, and I should vote against doing so under any circumstances. To take her from Arizona would mean ruin to our work in Arizona for a very slim chance of her doing any good in South Dakota.

I shall take this opportunity to repeat again my opinion that the campaign in S. Dakota should be managed entirely by S. Dakota men and women, and I wish to emphasize my belief that we should invite the aid of the men in S. Dakota and co-operate with them in absolute coordination throughout the campaign. We have now sent five of the best of our National workers into the State, and if none of them can find women there who are capable of managing a political campaign, I take it for granted it is because they are not there to be found. In fact, it is my opinion that when it comes to an actual campaign we have no women in any of the unenfranchised states who are able to compete with the men in the game of politics. I do not believe the average man will submit to the leadership of the most capable woman in a political campaign, even if we should find a few of the leading minds among men who would be willing to do so. Now my suggestion is that we shall use our utmost exertions to get our men friends in S. Dakota to appoint

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some man or men whom they consider suitable persons to work hand in hand with these women whom we call our Campaign Committee. If we cannot find men I am even in favor of taking no more steps whatever towards directing the campaign; because I believe that if these women whom we have put in charge have any political sense whatever, they themselves will soon discover their need of the assistance of men and will proceed to get it. I have been very impressed with the energy with which the women in Oklahoma proceeded to carry on their own campaign after the National withdrew its assistance and threw them on their resources. I see no reason why a similar blessed improvement should not take place among these S. Dakota women. In short, my advice is to look for S. Dakota men to help these women and to send no more women from the outside unless it be for a short time with the single instruction to occupy themselves with looking for suitable men. Now as to money matters: I do not think it is a good policy for the National to assume the whole responsibility, or even the greater part, of raising money for the S. Dakota Campaign. If the people of the state do not want Woman Suffrage enough to pay for it, I do not think they want it enough to vote for it. I would suggest that we promise to raise just as much money as they do - that is \$1000 when they raise \$1000 and so on up to the amount that is necessary for the campaign or as much as we are able to give. If they will raise \$10,000, we will raise \$10,000, making \$20,000 in all, or as much thereof as is necessary. It may be that the campaign will cost more; in that case we would have to raise more. Out of our share of what we raise, we should pay Miss Enfield's salary and Mrs. Johnson's salary and the salary of any other worker whom the National may personally employ. I agree with Miss Shaw that Mrs. Johnson's salary should be paid through the treasury of the Campaign Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 9th 1909

Dear Member of the Official Board

Mrs. Avery will doubtless give you an account of the South Dakota situation as she sees it as soon as she returns to Philadelphia, and I will not go into detail, as I am not where I can secure a stenographer and will have to send to Headquarters to have my letter copied and forwarded to you.

Mrs. Avery's silence in regard to the conditions she met on her arrival in South Dakota worried me and I feared all was not well, and it did not require more than a half hour with Mrs. Johnson, the President, to fill me with grave fear for the success of the work under her direction. The difficult thing was how to get it away from her. She is young - I judge thirty-three or five, the most enthusiastic and up-in-the-air human being you ever saw, without a single practical idea, and absolutely ignorant of the first principles of campaign work.

At first you feel she really does things; she thinks she does, another face lights up with a broad beaming smile which is very taking, but when you sift down what she says, there is absolutely nothing there. She assured me there were two hundred delegates surely coming to the conference; that she had pledges of that many. Well, when we got to the meeting and put the business off to the third day waiting for the delayed delegates, the first ones who did come went home, and the others didn't come. I asked her for the assurances of those who pledged to come, and those she showed me amounted to ten. She didn't mean to tell what was not true. It seemed true to her - everything looks so big.

She didn't think it worth while to take collections at the meetings, even when, she says, she had crowded houses.

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because, she said, as soon as the campaign was started checks for \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 would come in in plenty. I asked her where they were coming from, and she said she had a plan. I could not find out from her what her plan was, but from another person I learned that Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Helen Le Reine Baker of Washington, were coming East together to call on Mrs. Sage, Belmont, Mackay, Harriman and others, and they knew they could get thousands to send back. The South Dakota women who really have heads on their shoulders begged me to prevent Mrs. Johnson from going, and I think that plan will not be carried out.

Mrs. Johnson has an awful voice, and when she speaks for the shortest possible time, even when she only introduces one, she orates until she makes you shiver.

If I were undecided and listened to her for five minutes, I would join the Antis. And yet she is sunny and seems to be able to get people to promise things, but not to do them. The more we saw of her, the surer Mrs. Avery and I were that she was unfit to manage the headquarters, and as far as possible, the management must be taken out of her hands. We had hoped to get another Chairman for the Campaign Committee, but the only people who sent delegates were the W. C. T. U., the Women's Federation and one Labor organization. The woman nominated against Mrs. Johnson was worse than she; she was no more practical, and lacked Mrs. Johnson's enthusiasm. We tried to get the woman whom we finally got at the headquarters to take it, but she would not. So Mrs. Johnson seemed to be the best of evils. Then we got a Campaign Committee over the State, with a Sub-committee, to decide upon the expenditures. The Sub-committee of three women are, if I remember the names correctly, Mrs. Linsley, Mrs. Mc Classin and Mrs. Chamberlain. I am not just sure I have the names correct. The last two are clear-headed business women, and Mrs. Linsley, who has charge of the headquarters, is a very fine woman, level-headed and though inexperienced, yet I think if she had someone to be in the Headquarters for a month to lay out plans for her and direct her, she would work into a splendid manager. She is a lady in manners, and I judge, has the confidence of the whole community.

If we could only have Miss Gordon for two months to start their precinct parlor meetings, or Miss Gregg, or Mrs. Stewart or Miss Clay, I am sure they would get on.

I have no doubt Mrs. Johnson has been in all the places she says she has, and has interviewed the people, but I am just as sure as I am of anything, that the Com-

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mittees she says she has left have not been formed or are not to be found, and that if we should go there we would not find any trace of them. To show you how little she grasps the situation or the responsibility, on Friday at the day sessions, Mrs. Avery and I kept up a duet for the whole morning, laying out a plan for the campaign's committees to follow; told how they should be organized, what instructions should be given them. I even took a sheet of paper, lined it off so as to show them how to take the poll of the voters in each group, and Mrs. Avery told of parlor meetings, lecturing, etc., and yet, yesterday morning Mrs. Johnson came to me and said in the most cheerful way you can think of, "Now, Miss Shaw, don't worry; we will make things hum in this State." I said "the thing I am anxious about is the manner of organization; that as far as you go it shall be well done. You have not heretofore finished your work, and have had to retrace your steps so often and have made your expenses four times as much as they ought to be." I added, "do not leave a town until your Committee is formed and until it understands what its duties are. Leave with each officer a typewritten plan of work, just how they are to poll their precinct, and how to follow it up." She cheerfully said, "Oh, yes, but you must tell me what they are to do." I was so tired and utterly upset that I scarcely knew what to say. I said, "Mrs. Johnson, - Mrs. Avery and I went into this whole matter carefully and nearly talked our heads off, and though I asked you to do so, you did not take a single note, nor do I think you heard a thing we said." I do not think she remembered a thing for two minutes.

I feel there is a good fighting chance in the States, but not if we leave it to the State people alone. Men who are interested and who want the thing to go through begged me not to leave it to the incompetency which was managing it, and to send someone to direct and help them. With Mrs. Johnson hands practically tied, and the three Sioux Falls women at headquarters to help each other, I feel if we could send someone for a few weeks to start things off, we could carry the State. What shall we do?

I wish each one of the members of the Board who has a suggestion in regard to the work, either in the field or in the State Headquarters would send it on to me, as I am going to send to Miss Penfield, to Headquarters, and to Mrs. Johnson, all the suggestions I can give or any one of you may have to give, to them. We will have to plan their work for them, and I fear, raise their money.

One day Mrs. Johnson told me she knew she could raise

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raise a hundred thousand dollars in the State, and the next when I talked with her about taking collections at every meeting, she said, "Oh, I cannot raise any money; I never did." The fact is, we have got to carry that State if it is carried. How shall we do it? Shall someone go for a month, to be with the new women in Headquarters and start them off? I wish Mrs. Stewart or Miss Clay or Miss Gordon could go. The case there is not hopeless. It is worth trying to save, and there is hope in it.

How much financial help are we justified in pledging them?

I am opposed to paying Mrs. Johnson's salary, except through the treasury. She does not want it known that she has anything, but they will know it, and when they do it will be worse for her. Then, I do not think the National should pay money after a campaign is launched, except through the treasury of the Campaign Committee, unless it is the salary of the regular National organizers. The organizers' expenses should not be paid by the National Treasurer, but from the State Campaign Treasury.

On account of the need of haste, I am sending this letter to Headquarters to be typed. May I have your replies as soon as possible? I expect to reach New York next Sunday.

I forgot to state that the Convention was a success as far as public meetings are concerned, and I really feel the people were sincere when they said it had changed the whole attitude of Sioux Falls toward the subject. I have never seen more intelligent enthusiasm. Mrs. Avery has done some splendid work. Miss Penfield is liked, though her youth is rather against her just yet.

Faithfully

Anna H. Shaw.

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December 16, 1909.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Your letter in regard to Mrs. Woolsey and the Cincinnati meeting is at hand. I presume you received my letter to the State Presidents asking them to request their Governors to appoint delegates, about the same time that meeting was held in Cincinnati.

Personally, I am not willing to endorse the action of a mass meeting in Ohio to make Mrs. Woolsey the representative from Kentucky, but I am perfectly willing if I have any voice in the matter (which I do not think I have) to endorse Mrs. Woolsey as Kentucky's representative, provided she is the choice of the Kentucky Equal Rights Society.

I did not think it was best to ask the President anything in regard to the appointment of these delegates, since the President requested the Governors to appoint representatives and delegates. It seemed to me the thing to do was for each State to ask its own Governor to appoint a woman representative, and that is why I wrote the letter to the State Presidents requesting them to ask their Governor, rather than writing a letter to the President of the United States. This is no new thing. Women have been appointed delegates to this Divorce Conference before, as perhaps you will remember that Doctor Cummings, of the State of Washington, and Caroline Bartlett Crane were appointed some years ago.

Your letter was misdirected, so did not reach me as early as it ought, or I would have replied sooner.

I have also received your letter in regard to the time of your arrival in New York. You can come right to the hotel whenever you arrive, and your room will be ready for you to go to. I am sorry you do not feel you can attend Mrs. Snowden's farewell lecture. I am also sorry to tell you that Miss Blackwell is not well and feels she will not be able to be present at the meeting. I greatly regret this, as the principal subjects for which we are called together are of such vast importance that I feel there should be a full Board present.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw.

Lexington, Ky. December, 14, 1909.

My dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter of December the 10th, inviting me to attend the farewell reception to Mrs. Snowden, is at hand. I thank you very much but I must decline the invitation. I think it is probable that I shall arrive on the night of the 20th, to be ready for next morning, but I shall have taken a long railroad ride and I know that I will be too tired to enjoy any social event.

Thanking you and regretting that I cannot accept, I am

Very cordially yours,

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December 10, 1909.

My dear Miss Clay,

I have just received your very encouraging and helpful letter of December 8th, and I am writing this simply for this reason: Mr. Ely, who has been managing Mrs. Snowden's lectures in this country, is giving a farewell benefit meeting for her at the Hotel Astor, which he wants to make as popular and brilliant as possible, and has invited me to be one of the patronesses. This reception occurs on the night of the 20th, and I have wondered whether you would not like to be present, for you would meet there many of the New York suffragists, which I am sure will interest you. In the hope that you will reach this City in time to go, I am retaining some tickets, and would like to have you my guest on the occasion. You can come directly to the Hotel St. Francis, and we will have everything arranged for your comfort on your arrival.

Faithfully yours,

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mills St.,
Lexington, Ky.

Lexington, Ky. Dec8th, 09.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have received your letters of December the 1st and December, the 4th. I have been absent from home a few days or would have answered them sooner.

I had a pleasant trip to Florida, where I spoke to The Federation of Woman's Clubs at Palatka on the subject of Civil Service Reform. I was advertised as an officer of The National Suffrage Association, and many ladies said to me they would have been glad to hear me speak on Suffrage. After leaving Palatka, I spent a few days in Jacksonville with a friend, Mrs. Frank E. Jennings, and spoke to The Woman's Club in Jacksonville on the same subject. I met Mrs. Eagan for a few moments, and she told me she had circulated our Congressional Petition. She seems to be a woman highly respected in Jacksonville, though she is too aggressive to be popular. I had not an opportunity of talking to her as I would have liked to have done. I think there is considerable suffrage sentiment in Florida and in Jacksonville. While I would not like to speak on such small knowledge as I have, I doubt whether Mrs. Eagan is the woman to take the lead in the movement, though she certainly could and would help us. I wish that you might go to the South and that you and Professor Potter could go to Florida. I think as a matter of policy we ought to do more in the South and in other Democratic States, and particularly that Mrs Somerville of Miss. should be encouraged in

every way possible, for I have heard Belle Bennett, who is well acquainted in the state, that she considered her the leading woman in the State.

Washington. You asked what I think about sending literature to Washington at the request of Mrs. Hutton. I am clearly of the opinion that it would be good policy for us to accede to her request. Her letter makes the situation in Washington appear much more hopeful and agreeable, than I had anticipated, and as we are not giving any other help now in Washington, I believe that we ought to show our friendly feeling by acceding to any request so moderate as that, which she has made. It is not worth while for us to discuss whether or not they are able to pay for it themselves. We cannot know all the circumstances and I think that it is our policy to express our friendliness in any way, that comes within our means and which we can do without involving ourselves in the factions in the State. If they had asked us for a direct gift of money, I might express a very different opinion.

Dec. 3d. I am glad to see the copy of the letter from Mrs. Partridge of Alabama. I do not know her at all, but her letter is sensible and I doubt not conveys a true impression of the feeling now existing there. I know from my own observation there is an immense deal of Suffrage sentiment all over the South, and it certainly behooves us to take advantage as far as possible of the openings for work in the South.

Mrs. Teed Withers Smith of West Point, Ky. is the lady, whom we met at the reception in Louisville, and she is now busy in organizing two E. R. A/s in her neighborhood. We hope her relative, who is the Representative of Meade County, will be helpful to us in the General Assembly.

Board

[Dec 8, 1909]

Board Meeting. Your letter advising me that the Board Meeting is called for the morning of December the 21st. is at hand. I shall make my arrangements to be there promptly on that morning, but just at present I cannot tell at what hour I shall arrive. However, as I do not need to be met at the station, that does not matter. I will drive at once to The St. Frances Hotel, W. 47th St. If any change occurs in your plan, please notify me at once. It is possible that I may spend Sunday, the 19th, with my sister, Mrs. S. D. Crenshaw, 919 West Frankfort St, Richmond, Va. I am glad to hear the Suffragists have organized near Richmond. Mrs. Crenshaw sent me clippings of the movement in Richmond, some copies of which appeared in the last Woman's Journal.

I received notice of Judge Brewer's article and have distributed some copies of The Ladies World, and the whole article has been reprinted in The Lexington Herald.

Cordially yours,

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December 7, 1909.

Dear State President:

My attention has been called to the fact that President Taft is moving in the matter of a Universal Divorce Law, and that a meeting is to be called in Washington from January 17th to 19th, inclusive, composed of representative men appointed by the Governor of each State.

This is a subject in which we, as an Association, are deeply interested, not because we have taken sides either one way or another upon the divorce question, but we should protest as a Society against a subject in which women are so deeply interested being considered by men only. I think it is the duty of each State Association to call upon its respective Governor and ask that in appointing representatives to such a conference, one or more women should be selected to act with men in this important matter.

If this is to be done, it should be done at once.

The form letter to the Governor may be very simple, merely stating that in the solution of a question of such vital importance to the home and to the happiness of the family, in which women are as deeply interested as men, it is a matter of simple justice that they should have at least a share in

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the discussion and settlement of the question. I beg of you not to delay a single day in sending your letter and making your reasonable request to the Governor. I wish you would send a copy of the replies which you receive to me at National Headquarters.

If we act upon this suggestion unitedly, I am sure the result will be beneficial, not only upon this important question, but upon our whole Cause. I would like to add that in previous meetings for the discussion of the divorce problem, Governors have appointed women representatives who have taken part in the proceedings, so that this is not an entirely new proposition, but it is one which should be followed up.

As this is probably the last letter I shall write during the present year, I wish to again call to your attention the two important National lines of activity which are being pursued in the different states; one is the circulation of the National Petition, and the other the cooperation with Miss Kate Gordon in securing the ANTHONY MEMORIAL FUND. Let us remember that as this is the season of gratitude, it is a very good time in which we can remember the service and sacrifice of our Leader, and honor ourselves in making our Christmas offering to this Fund.

Trusting that the New Year may be one of helpful service in the Cause, and personal happiness and growth to yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anna N. Chan

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December 6, 1909.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

When I first asked Mrs. Kelley when she would be in the city, and she said after the 18th of December, I thought it would be well for us to meet on the 18th, because Christmas was so near and we could discuss some of the things which require a great deal of time and to which Mrs. Kelley does not usually have time to give; things in which she of course is interested, but which she does not consider very important, and yet they are questions which must necessarily come before the Board. I thought if we could talk some of these things over, and have them all ready to present to her, we might save a day. In communicating with Mrs. Kelley Saturday, she said she could not get back until the 20th, and as circumstances are such that we need the presence of the entire Board, I felt that we could not hold the meeting until Mrs. Kelley's return, and so called it for the morning of the 21st. This I realize brings us very near to Christmas, and unless we have everything prepared so as to be able to discuss the questions consecutively under the different heads, it would be impossible for us to finish our work, so that those of you who live farthest away could reach home by Christmas. But if we have the heads of what we wish to discuss properly arranged before we meet, we can then take

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Station. These cars will bring you to the corner of 47th Street and Broadway; then walk half a block east to the St. Francis.

The vote is nearly all in in regard to free literature for Mrs. Hutten. All the Members of the Committee vote in favor of sending a small amount, except myself. While I have no particular objection to doing so, I feel that having provided Mrs. Hutten's division with \$25.00 worth of literature at the time of the National Convention, that that is sufficient. If we give the same amount to every other State Association in Washington, it will amount to \$100.00 worth. We have already given the De Vos people \$25.00 worth, and the Hutten faction \$25.00 worth, and as there are two other State Associations which will probably make the same demand, we will have to be careful of what we do for one, for unless we are prepared to do the same for each faction which arises, wrath will descend upon our heads; however, the majority of the Board have voted to send more literature, varying from a limited amount to \$50.00. Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Upton have voted for \$50.00; the others have voted - one for a limited amount, and one simply - yes. I think the vote of Mrs. Upton is wise - that we consider that they already have had \$25.00 worth, and it might be very good policy to send them \$25.00 worth more, and tell them that we will furnish this amount during the campaign, in addition to what we have already furnished them. Mrs. Upton also makes another suggestion, which I think is a very good one, and that is - that *as* it costs so much to send the literature to Washington, we would be willing to pay \$25.00 toward publishing literature there if they would print it themselves, and that our Literature Committee would prepare a copy especially adapted to the needs of their State. This I think is perhaps the best suggestion made, and if there is no objection to it, I will make this

proposition to Mrs. Hutten. I feel that if we send them too much literature, or if we are willing to print too much for them, they will take all that we give them, and it will not be used nearly as wisely as it would otherwise be if they knew they could have only a limited amount.

I have just heard from Mrs. Munds, to whom I wrote inquiring about Mr. Lee Grandall, the man who claimed to be so influential in the South that he could carry our Measure for us if we would only pay \$9,000. towards electing him to the Senate. Mrs. Munds says she has never heard of the man, and she has not met any body else who has, so that he cannot be a man of such powerful influence in the territory as he tried to make us feel he was.

I cannot help speaking about the meeting which was held yesterday. It was a tremendous success and, as some have said, it did more to reconcile the labor people with the Suffrage movement than anything that has ever happened. Mrs. Belmont hired the Hippodrome for the Shirt Waist strikers to hold a big mass meeting, on condition that they would give an hour to Woman Suffrage, that we might present the Woman Suffrage question to the labor people. This they readily did, they having entire control of the meeting, and arranging the program, except the Suffrage part of it. I was in Philadelphia speaking at the time the arrangement was made, but Mrs. Belmont called me up by long distance 'phone, and asked me if I would speak, because she said she would not agree to hire the hall for the Strikers unless I spoke for Suffrage, as her first interest in having the meeting was in behalf of Suffrage. I think there is nothing that can be said too strongly in praise of this action on the part of Mrs. Belmont. She not only paid for the hall, which was \$800.00, but helped the striking people to the money to do their advertising, got their tickets,

and kept three men at work all the time assisting them in planning and arranging the meeting, which cost her altogether about \$1300.00. She also wrote personally to all the public officials of the city, and to Arch Bishops and Bishops of the Catholic and Episcopal churches. She secured the presence of the leading Bishop of the Episcopal church, and a very polite letter from the Arch Bishop of the Catholic church, who was unable to be present personally, but sent the next highest dignitary to *Sit in* ~~call~~ at Mrs. Belmont's box. The work Mrs. Belmont did for this meeting alone is deserving of the highest commendation, and it was done first of all in the interest of Suffrage, and consequently in the interest of the Striking girls.

In opening my address, I assured them that the National Suffrage Association did not take a position in regard to the union or non-union question; that we were Suffragists, and Suffragists only, and that I could not speak in behalf of the National Association as a believer in unionism, although as an individual I did believe in it. But I could speak on behalf of the National Association of its interest in all women; of its desire that justice should be done them; that they should have pay for the work they did; that they should be able to regulate their hours of work, and that they should have clean, healthful, physical and moral surroundings in which to do their labor. On these points we were a unit with all working people.

I think if nothing else had been ^{done} since our Headquarters came to New York than the meeting of yesterday, it was well worth all the expense to which we have been put as an Association. Eight thousand earnest people listened as quietly as if one were sitting in a parlor, except when

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they broke in upon the speech with tremendous applause. The addresses of all the speakers, except one, referred favorably to Woman Suffrage, and he did not mention it. The speeches were calm and temperate, and I am told the newspaper reports are very good, although I have not had an opportunity to read the papers this morning.

You will pardon this long letter, but I thought this meeting was of such vital importance that I had to tell you about it, and I was afraid there might be some misrepresentations in the Press, because the Press has been ordered to work against the strike and to do everything it can to break it up.

Faithfully,

Annie H. Shaw

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December 4, 1909.

dear Miss Clay,

Mrs. Kelley now says that she cannot be here for a meeting of the Official Board until the morning of december 21, so the Board meeting is now called for that date in the morning, and I will see that a room is engaged for you at the St. Frances Hotel, west 47th St., between ~~sixth~~ and seventh Avenues.

Looking forward to meeting you at that time,

I am Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

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RESULT OF VOTE SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD, Oct. 25th.

"Are you in favor of granting to the Ohio State Association the right to dispose of the interest of the McCall bequest according to the judgment of the Society for the coming year?"

ALL UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR.

RESULT OF VOTE SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD, Nov. 9th.

"1. Are you in favor of trying to get Mrs. Stewart, Miss Clay or Miss Gordon to go to South Dakota for a few weeks to start the Headquarters work?"

ALL VOTE YES, IN FAVOR OF MRS. STEWART, EXCEPT HERSELF.

"2. How much financial aid shall the National pledge South Dakota?"

VARYING SUMS, FROM \$1,000. to \$10,000. and Miss Penfield's services.

"3. Shall Mrs. Johnson's salary be continued, and shall it be paid through the campaign treasury?"

ALL VOTE THAT THE SALARY OF MRS. JOHNSON SHOULD BE PAID THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN TREASURY.

MISS CLAY AND MRS. STEWART VOTE THAT MRS. JOHNSON'S SALARY SHALL BE CONTINUED. THE OTHERS VOTE THAT MRS. JOHNSON, IF EMPLOYED LONGER, SHOULD BE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

RESULT OF VOTE SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD, Nov. 22nd.

"1. Are you in favor of holding the next Annual meeting in Washington, D.C.?"

ALL UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF WASHINGTON.

"2. On what date shall the Convention be held?"

ALL VOTE IN FAVOR OF APRIL; MRS. KELLEY THE LAST, MRS. AVERY, MISS CLAY AND MISS SHAW, THE FIRST, AND THE OTHERS SIMPLY VOTING APRIL WITHOUT SPECIFYING THE TIME.

[Dec 3, 1909]

RESULT OF VOTE SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1909.

"Are you in favor of admitting the EQUAL FRANCHISE SOCIETY to Auxiliary Membership in the National American Woman Suffrage Association?"

58 votes in favor, one NO, and one not voting.

Several of the States report that they have no member of the Executive Committee. Some of those who voted held two offices, as for instance, a chairman of a committee and a State office, or a National officer, as in the case of Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Clay, and a State president; they only vote in one capacity.

The whole number of votes to which we are entitled, according to the Minutes of last year, is 69; this includes the State of Oregon, which of course never answers any letter or passes any vote. But as a two-thirds vote of the entire Committee must be cast in order to secure a measure, and as all who voted, save one, are in favor, the measure was Constitutionally carried by a very large majority.

[Dec 3, 1909]

(C O P Y)

Selma, Alabama

Nov. 30, 1909

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw
New York

Dear Madam:

Will you please advise me how to organize an
Equal Suffrage League in Alabama?

Equal Suffrage is, I am afraid, too novel an
idea to the majority of the women of Alabama. But now
is the time to present that idea. An issue in which
almost every woman in the State is deeply interested -
prohibition - has been defeated. The Constitutional
Amendment was voted against by a large majority yesterday.
Women can now see that staying at home and using their
"influence" amounts to nothing - that men are not to be
depended upon to vote their way. Their minds are in
a receptive condition for suffrage now, if ever.

Without the aid of the press, without finances,
but with your good advice and a few supporters of the
cause, I hope to start a movement for equal suffrage in
Alabama.

I had the profitable pleasure of hearing you
lecture in Selma about three years ago. To the impression
you made on me then is owing this troublesome letter.

Very sincerely yours

(Signed) Mary Winslow Partridge.

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December 3, 1909.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just received from a lady in Alabama.

It seems to me that we ought to take hold of the South at this time when this wave of discontent is sweeping over them. I also received a letter yesterday from the Washington Headquarters saying that they had organized near Richmond.

When I saw that they had made a new Charter for a suburban town in the vicinity of Richmond, Va., I wrote to the Postmaster, as I did not know to whom else to write, asking him if he would kindly give me the name of any leading woman in the suburb who was a Suffragist. I also sent him a Petition, and asked him to give the Petition to any lady whom he knew was a Suffragist. I have not heard from him, but the Petition had the Washington address on it, and probably they sent the letter to Washington instead of sending it here.

I have written Miss Gordon asking her if there is any Southern woman in her League in New Orleans whom she would recommend to go through the South at the present time, if she herself cannot go. It seems to me we must take advantage of this awakening in the South.

The vote in regard to holding the Business Committee meeting is in favor of December 18th, and I hope nothing will prevent your being here. We will arrange for your entertainment at the small hotel where Lucy and I are stopping. We can be quiet there, and all together. I shall be very glad to see you, for there are many perplexing problems facing us and much work to be done.

I am enclosing a list of names which a gentleman gave me the other day when he called at our office. He said these people were interested in Woman Suffrage, and I thought perhaps you would like to communicate with them.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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December 1, 1909.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

I am sending you a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Hutton, to which I have replied as cautiously as I possibly could, assuring her that I would submit the question of free literature to the Official Board.

When I was in Seattle, Mrs. Hutton informed me that their income per month from one line alone was equal to that which we paid for all of our work in the South Dakota campaign. As that was something in the neighborhood of \$17,000., which makes her monthly income more than our annual income for the Association, it seems to me that she might be able to secure literature for her own society. Nevertheless, it might be part of policy for us to send some literature to Washington. I would like your opinion on this subject and will enclose a vote.

I will also enclose the result of the votes received which have been taken at different times.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

Encls.

(COPY)

Dec 1, 1909

WASHINGTON POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE.

Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, President.

Spokane, Wash., November 12, 1909.

Rev. Anna Shaw, Pres.,
National Equal Suffrage Ass'n.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Shaw:

I am writing to inform you that the Washington Political Equality League, of which I have the honor to be president, has opened headquarters in our Building. Mr. Hutton donated us a room with heat, light and water for one year, or - to be optimistic - until women are qualified voters in the State of Washington. We have a stenographer, and the office is kept open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. six days a week. We serve tea to the ladies two afternoons during the week, and every day during the Apple Show and when the various Conventions meet. We have been assured the support of two-thirds of a hundred papers on the east side of the Range, which we expect to furnish with news and data for each issue. Please tell me the best clipping bureau to patronize on the subject.

We have three organizations in the State now of which Mrs. DeVoe, Mrs. Hill and myself are the official heads. Mrs. Hill and I have a perfect understanding with regard to the work, and I give Mrs. DeVoe credit for sufficient good sense to believe that she will confer with Mrs. Hill so that the work of the three leagues will not conflict. We do not desire to bore the voters by too much urging. I have a band of women connected with this organization who are loyal, capable and conservative. I think you know that Mrs. Hill and I are personally opposed to militant methods, and Mrs. DeVoe has also expressed herself in the public press to that effect. I consider it an insult to the manhood of the State of Washington to employ any such methods as the English Suffragists consider it necessary to resort to in England. In fact I think the work in Washington can be best managed by Washington women. It is astonishing how our women are developing in convincing speechmaking and writing concerning Suffrage. I think it would be well, however, in the last few weeks of the campaign to have some of the Eastern "Spell-binders" in the field. I wrote to Mrs. Upton asking if the National Ass'n. would furnish us free literature for free distribution, and she writes me that she forwarded the letter to you. She says she is worrying on account of the three organizations in Washington, but if Washington women are not worrying she did not see why she should be. In my opinion the three organizations are just what we need in this great State, with the East and West divided as it is by the Cascade Range of Mountains. I consider the division of the work as outlined by the Constitution of the League, the best possible arrangement on account of the geographical situation.

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I have no feeling with regard to Mrs. DeVoe and her following; you see I can afford to be magnanimous having been completely vindicated by my own home women, who know me best. My only desire is to work for Suffrage in the State of Washington, and as far as Spokane and the East Side is concerned, I am in a position to keep people who stand for objectionable methods from gaining the ascendancy.

I have the promise of an address from Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, Senator Berah, and Congressman Hamer, of Idaho, during the last month of the campaign. These men understand Western men and Western ways, and coming from states where women vote their opinions will have great weight with the voters of Washington.

I hope the National Ass'n will see their way clear to furnish us with literature - if so we will be able to secure sufficient funds to carry on the work to a successful issue.

Now, Miss Shaw, I have a prediction to make - that unless some movement is inaugurated which will antagonize the Brewery element in this State the Amendment will carry.

The Women Clubs of Spokane, who represent 1200 women, have nominated a woman on the School Board and she will be elected.

The League has appointed Mrs. James Anderson, of Seattle, a special representative of our League to place matters before the National Committee in New York. She will leave for the East on Monday. Any courtesies shown her will be appreciated by the women of Washington.

Any suggestions with regard to the work will be carefully considered and appreciated. I enclose copy of Constitution and policy. Will report progress monthly.

The members of the League Board join me in kindest regards to the National workers.

Believe me,

Very Sincerely, Yours for Liberty

MAY ARKWRIGHT HUTTON
President.

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Miss Laura Clay,
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Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Catt, which she forwarded to our office. I am sorry I did not know about it, or that I did not know that you were to be in Florida, for you see if I had known it, two things would have fallen in nicely. Perhaps, however, you may be going back again, or may know of some one who is going, or could speak for Miss Eagan. Mrs. Catt knows her, and says she is a very nice woman, and thinks she would arrange a very satisfactory meeting in Jacksonville.

Professor Potter is thinking of going to the South sometime during the winter, but has not yet finally decided upon it. I expect to go in April, or the latter part of March (depending entirely upon the date we set for our National Convention) down to Mississippi and Texas.

Mrs. Sommerville, of Mississippi, feels hurt that I have not come before to her assistance, and she told me last spring she would take the Presidency, provided I would pledge to come in April of this year to her, and I said I would do so. Of course that also will depend upon when our National Convention is held, but I shall either go directly before or after the National Convention, as I want to help Mrs. Sommerville all I can.

There certainly is a growing sentiment throughout the South in favor of Woman Suffrage. We get so many letters from students asking for literature, and things of that sort, which makes us feel that the wave of interest is growing throughout the entire country.

Everybody seems to prefer that Mrs. Stewart should go to South Dakota.

Now if we hold our Official Board meeting on the

#2 Miss L. Clay

Dec. 1/09

18th of December, I am very much afraid that as it is so near Christmas, everybody will want to rush away and we won't take time to consider the questions carefully. Certainly with South Dakota, Oklahoma, Arizona, Washington, our own National Headquarters, and a score of other important issues before us, we need time to deliberate. Now if we could get Mrs. Stewart to go to South Dakota in December, it seems to me it would be better to hold our business meeting the first of January, instead of the 18th of December, and then we won't feel hurried in getting through with it. I would like to know your opinion on this point.

Woman Suffrage is everywhere present in New York, and it seems to be the world over.

I am very glad that your Convention in Louisville was such a success. I hear such a lot of good reports about it, and have received so many nice letters regarding it. I received a very lovely letter yesterday from Mrs. Susan Locke Avery, who says Mrs. Robinson reports it as a very great success, etc.

I wonder if I told you in the Business Committee letter which I wrote, that we think we have cleared from our Carnegie Hall meeting something like \$700.00 for the South Dakota campaign.

With sincere regards, I am

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

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(C O P Y)

[Dec. 1, 1909]

235 East Adams Street
Jacksonville Fla

My dear Mrs. Catt

I was truly sorry not to see you before I left New York. It seemed almost impossible to get around in time to do anything while I was out to Manotuck. I wanted to talk to you about having some good speaker among the many suffragists come here and I would arrange to have a crowd hear her. Of course, my cup would be full and running over if you would come - don't you think it could be managed? Do you know Miss Laura Clay of Lexington, Ky.? I have heard that she was the Auditor of the National Woman's Right Association; that is the report here. I shall look forward to the pleasure of making her acquaintance. Couldn't you come here sometime during this winter? There is a decided change in the sentiment here about voting for women and I think if someone that really was well known would come, it would be of the greatest benefit to the question. I shall be only too glad to entertain anyone you send, and arrange for a reception and other things, to help the cause along, and sincerely hope you may see the way to be "the one" that comes. It would be such a pleasure to have you.

Faithfully

(Signed) Katherine Livingston Eagan

October 29th, 1909

Jan 8th [1909]

My dear Miss Clay

I have just received
this letter from Miss
Grey and as I read it
I thought you would
so much enjoy it, so I
am sending it on, to
you. When you finish
it I think Mrs. Upton
would enjoy it, so please
send to her if you think
she would care to
read it. She is always

interested in all that Miss
Gregg does,

Miss Gregg seems to enjoy
that western kind of
life very much.

I expect to go to my
own apartment next
Tuesday and begin
my work at the
Office next week. I
am very much
better

Faithfully Yours
Amatt Shann