

Warren - O - Apr. 29" 1910

Dear Mrs Clay: yesterday afternoon I started to send you a letter enclosing one from Mrs Blackwell. I accidentally put in one from Mrs Hauser. I discovered my mistake and as I hurried off to a meeting of the Board of Education I sent you another letter & enclosed as I supposed Mrs Blackwell's. This morning when I began work I found Mrs B's letter so I can not imagine whose letter I sent you a second time.

Well anyway. Here is Mrs Blackwell's and I am also enclosing one from Mrs Army. Please return both.

How easy it is for people to say that anyone could edit the Journal. If Mrs Blackwell had been at the convention, a

clear statement would have been
made. The Mass. people saw it just
as Mrs Ryan did - How could they
do otherwise - The more I think how
Miss Shaw has run things her
own way by spending or with holding
the money the more exasperated I
am. If in the past Mrs Catt
had had to that power I would have
been heralded throughout the land -
What a pity that a jealous woman
could have been allowed to get us
all by the ears.

Mr Upton who has helped me through
my hard official agrees I did right
in pulling a way from a position
where I would be obliged to be insult-
ed by Mrs Shaw & Miss Thomas & where
my reputation was bound to be in-
jured -

Lovingly
Harriet T U

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(C O P Y)

April 22, 1910

Mrs. Ella S. Stewart
Recording Secretary National-American Woman Suffrage Ass'n.

In accordance with our action at the Convention, the undersigned hereby tender to the Official Board of the National-American Woman Suffrage Association their resignations as First Vice-President and Treasurer, to take effect one month from date of notice given in Convention - May 19th - or earlier if the Board so desires.

We would be glad if this communication can be attached to the Minutes of the meetings of the General Officers, which adjourned yesterday, April 21st.

(Signed)

Rachel Foster Avery, First Vice-President
Harriet Taylor Upton, Treasurer

Lexington, Ky.

Apr. 9th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am expressing by Adams' Express the box of books to Arlington Hotel, as soon as I can after receiving your letter yesterday. I have not disarranged the vouchers much; but I think I have put all the orders for your office expenses in the first pocket of the folder.

In addition to the items I sent you I add:

In Press I think Order No. 21 for 25 cents was paid again in Order 24 to E. J. Hauser. N.A.F.S.A. books.
Jan. 30.

In S.B.A. Memorial Fund.

- (1) Press Postage. I think April postage, \$7.00 was counted both in March and April.
- (2) See Page 35 of Folio. I think \$2.75 receipted by Clarkson is charged as postage in Press.
- (3) I find no receipt for \$101.75, Hapgood & Howard.
- (4) I find no receipt from Mrs. Ezekiel for salary from Dec 1 - Jan. 1? \$100.
- (5) Page 77. I find no receipt from Miss Peck from Febr. 1 - March 1, 1910. \$150.00. As this is in 1910 I call attention to this to save you possible trouble next year.
- (6) An order not properly signed by Sec.

I am waiting to consult with you about final auditing of New York Headquarters, as we can do it together in less time and more satisfactorily.

Hoping to see you on time Tuesday morning, I am

Very cordially yours,

Pass Postage. S. B. H. Memorial Fund.

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April B7⁰⁰ counted in March & April.

See Page 35 Folio, \$2⁷⁵ receipted to Clarkson charged as postage.

Page 55, Folio. I find no receipt for \$101 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀, Hapgood & Howard, Literature

Page 73. I find no receipt from Cyckil from
Dec. 1 - Jan. 1 = \$100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Page 77. I find no receipt from Mrs Peck from
Feb. 1 - March 1, 1910 = \$150 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Journal.

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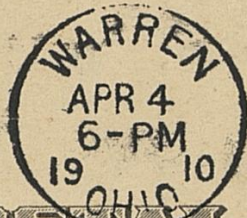
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Warren, Ohio, April 14, 1910
Dear Miss Clay,

I forgot to say in my morning letter that I wish you would hold the books for a few days until you hear further from me. Do not send them either to Washington or here please until advised further.

Harriet Taylor Upton.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Millst.,
Lexington Ky.

Warren, Ohio, April 4, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay and Miss Blackwell:-

The plot thickens. I hardly know where I left off with my story. Great pressure was brought to bear on Mrs. Avery to stand for President. She at first decided she wouldn't be vice-president even. After much anxious thought, although she felt sure that Miss Shaw ought not to be President, she decided not to stand for President, but to let her name go as Vice-president. Miss Shaw has been very poorly advised. She has refused to listen to her friends. She started in with Mrs. Belmont, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck. Mrs. Belmont alone remains with her. After Mrs. Avery refused to stand against her, I do not think Miss Shaw knew this, Miss Shaw proposed that Mrs. Avery be Corresponding Secretary, to have charge of Headquarters and to do away with the election of a Headquarters' Secretary by the Board. Mrs. Avery has happened to be in the Western part of Pennsylvania several times this winter. She has visited me each time. The last time she brought me this tale. I told her that I had little influence in the Convention, but that if she agreed to this I would fight her election and fight it hard. I told her it simply meant the putting of our Headquarters in Lucy Anthony's hands. Miss Shaw expects to go to Europe this summer. Mrs. Avery has been horribly over-worked and must rest, and Lucy Anthony would, therefore, have charge of our precious work. I told Mrs. Avery further that as she was so soft-hearted towards Miss Shaw and as they had certain relations of which no one knows and as she had been really educated by Miss

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Shaw to believe many things which are not true, I would oppose her for Corresponding Secretary unless she promised to take Headquarters away from the jurisdiction of Mrs. Belmont and Miss Shaw. After a good deal of anxiety, she decided that she would be Corresponding Secretary if she could have Headquarters away from 505. This Miss Shaw refused to agree to and she has been hunting a Secretary ever since. She has now asked Elizabeth to serve in that capacity. I heard of this a day or two ago but was not sure of it. A letter from Mr Elizabeth this morning says that she has been asked but that she shall refuse. In the meantime, Mrs. Catt and the people who believe that our affiliation with Mrs. Belmont has been disastrous to the New York work and that the treatment of Mrs. Potter has been awful, have determined to put up another ticket. I do not know who they have asked to serve as President, but having hunted for material without success, they have seemed to decide on me, undoubtedly because I usually have a large vote in the Convention. I refused to even consider the matter in the beginning. I thought they were joking, but I have been fairly floored by developments of the last ten days. I have been implored on many sides to take the place, but I have refused, so I do not know what is going to happen. My ground for refusing was this: I could not go to New York as long as my father lives; I have had six years of more or less strain on his account; My official life has been a very hard one. Miss Shaw in the last three years has been a hard leader. I couldn't work without a salary because I do not feel that Mr. Upton, aside from giving up all he does for suffrage, should put the money into suffrage which he used to put. Of course, Mrs. Belmont

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would refuse financial help under me and Miss Thomas would not transfer the Treasury's salary to the President. Taking all these things into consideration, I am surely out of the way. I think however all this uprising will do good because I feel that Miss Shaw will be forced to give up her hold on the details at Headquarters, that she will have to be the kind of a President she was when elected when she was successful.

Now, nobody knows what is going to happen at Washington. I think there will be an effort made to put several of us off of the Board. If my father is well enough for me to be there, I hardly think they can beat me for Treasurer. I think there will be a little opposition to Miss Clay, not because it is Miss Clay, but there seems to be a feeling of wanting a new deal. I am not thinking this will result in her defeat. I am anxious though about Miss Blackwell. I do not think there is any more feeling about her than of the rest of us, but this same feeling of wanting a change will be a factor, and she will not be there in person, and will therefore be easier to defeat. All of this is surmise. The only thing that I know about it is that I have been asked by dozens of people and have refused. I am writing this that you may be informed, not of facts exactly, but of my opinion. While I am writing I wish to say that I shall support you both and shall tell anyone who asks me that I have committed myself to you. This does not obligate you or your friends in any way to vote for me as Treasurer. If I did not think it was best for both of you to be on the Board, I should vote against you.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

April 4, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of April 2nd duly received. Glad you wrote me in regard to the Bruce bequest. Not at all because it was necessary for you to explain your standing in regard to the Bruce fund, but because it gives me a chance to say to you what I supposed you knew, namely, that I think you have acted in regard to this Oklahoma matter exactly as your judgment dictated, and that when I said you were to do as you pleased with the money I meant according to your judgment. I am returnign the receipt which you asked for.

I am also enclosing the last news in regard to the situation. I meant to say one thing there which I did not say and I will repeat it here. If the conditions were such that I could take the Presidency I would love to do so. I am absolutely sure I can do the work. I could not do what Miss Shaw does, nor what Mrs. Catt did, nor of course what Miss Anthony did, but I am a detail worker and the present condition requires that kind of a person. I did a large share of the President's work during the last years of Miss Anthony's life and the first years of Miss Shaw administration. I know all about the money, I know all about Progress, the literature, the Congressional work, the printing of the Minutes and the Press work. I never have strife or fusses.

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It is just the fact that I would inherit Miss Shaw's friends as enemies and that my family affairs make it seem impossible.

Did I tell you that Miss Shaw is at Moylan for a rest. I presume this is the work of Miss Thomas. She tried to get her to go there last winter. Of course, I have a good deal of anxiety about this condition, but now I feel that we will all have to be patient and fair and just and that may be some solution will be found.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

P.S.

In endorsing the \$60. check, you endorsed it to me as Treasurer. I advanced this money from my personal account and I am endorsing it as Treasurer, because I am obliged to, to me personally. It will therefore not enter into the Treasurer's account at all. Is this the way you want it?

Lexington, Ky.

April 2nd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am answering your last three letters in turn:

March 24th. In this letter you use the expression, in reference to the Bruce bequest "Miss Bruce left that money to you to be used as you saw fit". Now if you mean by this to be used as I please, I want to point out to you where I disagree from that, even at the risk of being tedious. I never had a conversation with my friend, and did not know she intended to leave the legacy. Therefore, I know nothing of her wishes except what are expressed in her will. In that, as Mrs. McCulloch pointed out to me, the money was to be expended "according to my judgment". There is a wide difference to my mind between this and ~~My pleasure~~ "as I pleased". If there had not been, perhaps I might have pleased to spend it for the Kentucky suffrage work, which has needed it badly enough. But according to my judgment the money could be more profitably expended elsewhere so far. Now about Oklahoma: I need scarcely to recapitulate that I think there are elements of hope there,- the women are united, which is not the case in any of the other three campaign states; it is a prohibition state, and the liquor interest is at least scotched; our temperance friends are stirred up, because the liquor interests are trying to repeal prohibition; Bryan, the great Democrat, has advised Democrats to draw away from the liquor interests; and above and beyond all, in the campaign in a Southern and Democratic state I see the only chance I know of to create what Mrs. Pankhurst calls a "political situation". The English women are doing it at tremendous cost;- may it not be worth a great deal to us to use this one chance we have at present in

this country? At any rate, these reasons and some minor ones have made a deep impression on my mind; and though I may be in the minority, my opinion has not been shaken that here is an unexampled chance for us. You may say that my opinion ought to be influenced by others of the Board, who have also studied the question. True, it might be wise. But if after hearing their reasons my mind is still unchanged, would it be right to yield my judgment to theirs in spending a trust fund which I have accepted when one of the conditions is that I shall spend it "according to my judgment"? You see the line of distinction I wish to draw, and it may lead you to a warmer sympathetic understanding of my position about spending the fund.

March 28th. Thank you for the news. I hope you will continue to keep me informed.

March 29th. I have endorsed the check to you, and herewith return it. Please send me a receipt for it; and write it to show that \$100.00 of the money is mine. It does not show in this check.

On another sheet I am writing about the books as far as examined. I enclose it.

Very cordially yours,

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April 1, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am enclosing two letters from Mrs. Boyer which explain themselves. I presume she has written you the same thing. Please return both letters.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Let I tell you how much father was going and how I feared I could not leave him for his consent - I shall leave a nurse with him any way

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Warren Ohio, May 9, 1910.

Ella S. Stewart,
5464 Jefferson Ave.,
Chicago Ill.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:-

Elizabeth is just home. Mrs. Harper talked to her a great deal about the Treasurership. Elizabeth told her that she did not know who was going to get it, but that she had understood Miss Ashley was talked of.

Mrs. Harper said Miss Ashley had been to see her in regard to this, that she said she was willing to go into Headquarters and keep the Treasurers Book and pay the bills, but that she could not collect money, as I understand it, by letter and especially that she could not get any money in the Convention, because she was ^{deaf and} ~~deaf and~~ ^{meeting} ~~could not speak.~~ ^{in public} She said also that she could not be in our Committee as she could not hear any thing. Whether she said she would not be willing to attend the business Committees meetings or whether she said that she would be useless there, I am not sure.

I must confess I myself am all at sea as regards the Treasurer, but I do want to help get a good one because I am afraid we are going to have a hard time to finance this year any way and we ought to have some body who could keep the books, collect the money and do at least one-eighth of the work of the Business Committee. It is not a clerical person we want, but one who can devise ^{any careful reliable person can keep the accounts} ways and means. I think Miss Gillett would be by far the best of anybody named, because her business is money and she is so impersonal, but I dare not say this for fear Miss Shaw will immediately decide that there is something wrong and it will work against her.

By the way, Miss Blackwell ^{has} suggested that at Seattle we made Mrs. Catt a voting member of the Business Committee. I thought it was of the Convention.

and she ought to vote now -

Cordially yours,

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On motion of Mrs Crockett
the proposal to amend
Art 3 Sec 5 by inserting
after the word officers in
the 2nd line " & ex presidents"
was adopted.

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Warren Ohio, May 5, 1910.

Laura Clay,

189 N. Mill St.,

Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:- Mrs. Stewart writes me that Miss Shaw is not going to allow ~~Miss Avery~~ and myself to vote; that she is not going to allow officers moved on the Board, and that she wants Miss Gordon for First Vice President and Miss Ashley in New York for Treasurer.

I have written Elizabeth, who has not yet left New York, asking her to find out something about Miss Ashley; she sends enclosed slip.

I doubt very much if Miss Ashley could take up the work with any efficiency at first. Miss Gillett of Washington has been proposed, and she would make by far the best Treasurer, besides she is going to try to hold on to the Washington Head Quarters and she thinks at the end of this year the general Headquarters ought to be in Washington.

Do not let Miss Shaw know that I have written you this because she seems very much inclined not to do any thing which Mrs. Avery and I suggest. This is probably natural.

I am so comfortable to-day because father has not been so well for months. It seems as if the sun had not been so bright for some time.

It is going to hurry me terribly to get our Office closed up at the end of the months time. I now have Miss Andrews and part of the time Mr. Upton's stenographer and one of my own and still we cannot reach bottom.

Lovingly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton *msa*

MRS. FRANCES W. MUNDS,
420 SHELDON STREET, PRESCOTT
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329 WEST FRANKLIN STREET, TUCSON

Prescott, Arizona, May 26th, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

I know you will forgive me for neglecting you for so long when *you* find out how busy I have been.

I have written to every member of the statehood committee, and asked them to insert a clause in the Enabling Act as you suggested. I enclose a copy which is not a copy at all for I changed it in a good many instances and expressed it better, and I also wrote more. This however contains the substance. I also wrote special letters to several of the senators that I knew were suffragists and to our own Delegate and asked them to use their influence to have the clause inserted. I did not express any opinion on the educational qualification, except that I asked that if it were left in the bill that a clause, "irrespective of sex", be inserted. This I am told will give the women the same right to vote ~~of~~ the constitution that the men have. I donot know whether it is so or not but thought it no harm to try.

I am doubtful if the statehood bill will pass at this time and I hope it will not unless they insert the clause asked. If they do we will have plain sailing. Now Miss Clay you must lose no time in writing to the senators that you know and asking them to use their influence to help us out in this matter. Donot delay in writing for Congress will adjourn the 15th of June. I am so glad you made this suggestion for ~~while~~ we may not get what we ask it will bear results -the trying.

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Warren Ohio, May 23, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
181 North Mill St.,
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have been for a number of years loaning money for Miss Shaw, Miss Anthony and Miss Shaw's niece, Mrs. Smith and other Suffrage friends.

Of course I did not charge them any thing for placing the money.

It has occured to me that now I am without salary I might add a little to my small income for loaning the money on first Mortgages on town property in my own home town. Such loans net Six percent to non-residents.

I presume your property is so well invested that you would not have any money to place but I thought possibly you might speak of such investments to your friends who might care to make such loans.

You have known how carefully I have managed the funds of the Association but to strangers I can refer to any bank in the town and business men as well.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

June 15, 1910

Dear Miss Clay,

Two or three times in the Business Committee meetings in Washington and several times privately Miss Shaw asked me why I did not pay her the \$1000 00 which she gets in addition to the \$2500 from the Thomas Garrett Fund. I told her that she had had it but she did not believe this. Once at the table when we were talking about investments, and she had spoken to me about one, I asked her if she wanted to put any more than that in, and she replied that if I would pay her the \$1000 00 she would put that in. I did not dispute her outright, because I did not know, but what I was mixed on it myself, although I did not see how it could be. When I returned home I consulted my letter files and there found that on a certain date in June, 1909 she had written me acknowledging receipt of this \$1000 00. I therefore sent a copy of this letter to her and one to Miss Thomas. From that time until a few days ago I have urged her to send me a receipt for this money. It was a little irregular because her salary was sent to her direct from the Thomas Garrett Fund. She did not send me this receipt, and just before she sailed I wrote and begged her to send it in justice to me and for protection for herself. I could not understand

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why she held off. Finally just before she left, she sent the receipt but did not refer to it in any way, did not say that she was mistaken or that she was sorry to have made me the trouble or anything. But as this question was brought up in the Business Committee meeting, I felt as if I ought to let you know what the trouble was and what the outcome was. She was paid this \$1000 00, was paid promptly and we now have her receipt. You will find the entry properly made on the Thomas Garrett books.

I am hoping all the time to get straightened away enough to write you a good letter and to hear from you in turn, but as yet I have no such time.

Father grows a little weaker all the time I think and I am quite loath to leave him for any length of time. I am dictating this at the house.

I wonder if this would not be the right time to say to you how much I have enjoyed working with you on the committee, how kind and fair and just you have always been to me personally and how you have appreciated the work which I have done. I know that, no matter what anybody else may say, you believe in my integrity, and that is a great comfort to me.

Lovingly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton
msa

Richmond, Kentucky.

June 27th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have been wishing to write some time; but never seem to find the right moment. I am now in Madison County for the summer; so please direct letters to me at Richmond.

In the first place, I acknowledge the receipt of \$60. interest on note of trustee for \$1900 and mine for one hundred dollars. I have been intending writing about investing some money for me; and wish now you would write more particulars, your commission, etc. I have some money in the savings bank, which I cannot take out till the 1st of July, and that is one reason I have not written sooner. I would like from \$1500 to \$2000 invested.

I must tell you how much my sister, Mrs. Bennett, regrets your leaving the Board. She says she feels lost without you there. She always loved to see you at the conventions, and feels that a great stay has gone from the Board. She is one person who certainly greatly appreciates what you have been to the Association.

I enjoy receiving your letters, telling what you hear of what is going on. I am greatly pleased with the acquisition of the Woman's Journal. I did not know that Miss Thomas did not approve; but the majority of the Board has voted for it; so that much is safe.

I hear from Miss Gregg that they are now in the midst of the fight for suffrage in the Arizona constitution. She writes that unless they can get a statement from Mr. Taft that suffrage in the constitution will not meet with his disapproval that fear of it will prove a great obstacle. Can you think of any way of getting a favorable expression of opinion from him? If so, please lose no time in writing me about it, if I can do anything; or if the Arizona people can do it, write at once to Mrs. Munds, at Prescott.

I hear from Mrs. Boyer that there will be no special election on our question. She seems very well contented to wait till November for it to be voted on. She feels that our success in the courts was a victory. The attempt to enforce delay shows that our enemies are afraid. Maybe it also shows a desire to keep it out of a special election. But none of us knows which is best for us. Mrs. Boyer is in good health and spirits; but like all of our campaigners feels the lack of funds. I think we shall have a hard financial year. We must certainly find ways for raising larger funds or else stop promising so much help for campaigns. But now that we have promised we must do the best we can to pull through.

Your failures in the garden line are every body's experience this year. It has been so cold and wet. The weather is hot now, but up to two or three weeks ago I had constant fires.

Please give my regards to your father and Mr. Upton. Let me hear about the investments; and write when you can find leisure about every thing. I shall greatly miss your frequent letters.

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

June 24, 1910

Dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed find check for interest on money which I have invested for you as Trustee.

Miss Blackwell writes me that the Woman's Journal proposition has gone through. I hardly thought it would because I knew Miss Thomas was opposed to it and Miss Blackwell wrote me that Miss Shaw was also opposing it. It seemed to me a splendid chance and I am so glad that it is finished.

By the way, Mrs. Avery stopped in Boston on her way home and saw Miss Blackwell. It was the second day Miss Blackwell had been in the office. Mrs. Avery says she looks very much better than she did before she was sick and she expects that she is going to be better than she has for a long time. She says her Doctor insists on her resting and on her eating nutritious food and taking better care of herself. Word also comes that Mrs. Catt is getting on splendidly and will possibly be able to be moved home the 1st. of July. Her recovery will be slow because she was in such a run down condition and because she was so exceedingly nervous, but the Doctors say it was a splendid, clean operation and that she will probably be in good health for many years. Isn't that good news for us?

I am still working pretty hard at suffrage work but

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am beginning to see a little chance of rest and now that I do see this light ahead I feel light hearted and comforted. I have wondered many times if things had not come to a crisis whether I should have been able to have gone on with the work or not. The past two or three years the financial care has been so dreadful. So much of the time we had no money and yet we kept on voting things and then I had to raise it. It did not seem so much at the time, but it seems a terrible lot now.

I wonder if Kentucky is hot now. Warren is certainly warm, but how I am enjoying my garden. I think I will be a regular farmer. If I were perfectly honest I would tell you I planted my peas a little too near together, that part of my corn rotted in the ground, that the radishes were a wee bit woody, but otherwise the garden has been a success.

People seem to think that Mrs. Dennett and Miss Ashley are getting on very nicely, that it is quiet and peaceful in Headquarters. It seems Miss Ashley is a Socialist and Mrs. Dennett is a single taxer. I think Miss Thomas managed to have Miss Shaw go abroad without Lucy. I say I think; I never have been really so informed.

Yours most truly,

HTU*A

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

June 30, 1910

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay,

Your letter just here. I charge 1% for investing money. This the person who loanes the money pays and it covers the fee for recording and all postage and like expenses. Then I charge 2% for collection. Of course there is only one charge for the loaning, but the collection is taken from the check each time I send the interest. I invest the money on first mortgages, new houses, old allotments where there is no danger of the title not being right. I do not loan more than half the value of the property and I take nothing but first class mortgages. I think I could probably find a place for your money although I might have to lose a few days in doing it, because between now and the 1st. of July is rather short time. I should be so glad to do this business for you.

It touched me very much to have you twll me how Mrs. Bennett feels about my leaving the Board. She always has been lovely to me and I have always thought kindly of her and that feeling is reciprocated much more than we any of us realize. Now that I am really off and now that I do not have to be per-
petually scolded by Miss Shaw, that I do not have to work every hour of every day and put up with so much injustice, I wonder

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how I ever held the position I did. I think if I had not been so busy and had not felt the financial burden of the association so strongly; that is, if I had had time to think how untrue she was to me and how she wronged me in so many ways, I should have been gone long ago. It was my nose to the grind stone which kept me there all these years. I have the satisfaction too of feeling that I never quarreled unjustly with anybody and that I did my duty by my own official position and that I did it as a member of the Board. When I now see half a dozen different people superintending the work which I did, with Elizabeth's help, I know that I rendered good service. I almost wish now that I had not had my salary for the three years, because then I could have said that I gave nineteen years to the suffrage cause without a cent of pay. I really could say it now, because there never was a year when I did not put money into the association, and in nineteen years it would have amounted to more than the three years salary.

I expected when I left the Board to give a good deal of time to Ohio work and to build up the state association. Now, however, that the care is off of me, I can breathe a little and speak to my friends and enjoy my garden, I feel less inclined to buckle in and wade in deep into another hard job. Maybe when the birds stop singing though and the peas are gone and my back is rested and the gray days come I will feel a desire to begin a soldier's warfare again. I cannot honestly say that I hope that this will happen.

I am glad to have you say you enjoy my letters. I will try to let you know any news which is floating around,

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but now that I am outside the fold I hear very little.

Miss Hay writes that Mrs. Catt has been moved home because her own apartments were more comfortable than the hospital. She is still pretty weak, but feels right smart in the mornings, runs down during the day. However, the doctors say she is doing splendidly and everybody seems to take courage at her revival. I think now that she is rid of all that awful condition which she had that she is going to live a good many years and be able to help the association with her splendid brain.

Mrs. Potter attended the teachers meeting at Buffalo. It was a city affair but about a thousand were present. They say she made a magnificent speech. The association voted to federate with the American Federation of Labor.

Of course you know that Mrs. Avery is home and she will see Mrs. Catt before she comes west, which will be the first week in July. She is then going to stop to see me.

Elizabeth is down on Nantucket Island with Mrs. Howe and a number of friends. Mrs. Catt will go to some cool place near New York as soon as she is able. Miss Hay is doing the best she can for her. I am not positively sure, but I think Lucy Anthony did not go to Europe with Miss Shaw. I think this was a plan of Miss Thomas's. Miss Thomas has been determined that Lucy should not be in Headquarters and I think she made Miss Shaw promise she would go to Moylan from the convention and keep Lucy out of Headquarters. If she should succeed in this, Mrs. Dennett and Miss Ashley will get on all right.

I do not think we could do anything with Taft in the way of promises about the statehood bill. I think the thing for them to do is to go on regardless of what might happen the

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bill in Washington. We will have a new Congress by that time. Our Congressional committee has begun questioning the candidates and there is going to be a regular upheaval throughout the whole United States. We may have some splendid people standing for us. The time has now arrived when the man at the White House or any other position cannot dictate to the men at the other end of the Avenue as to what they shall vote or shall not vote on minor questions. Of course when an association makes a platform its machine is bound to stand by it, but on small matters, this is not so. It may be that the politicians in Arizona are using this with Miss Gregg to discourage her.

I do not believe we are going to have as hard a financial year this year as we have had in the last two or three years. The last year of my administration was a hard one for me. I had to overdraw our bank account, I had to advance my own money, I had to leave bills lying around unpaid and it was distressing; and the worst of it was that nobody worried about it except myself. Miss Shaw told me to pay up everything and clean up everything so the new treasurer would have nothing troublesome; and then when I did that, I find she complained to most of the members of the committee that I used all the money in sight and left little or nothing for Miss Ashley. I thought this was very unjust when I purposely did not solicit any money at all from the pledge list, which was made at Washington. I say none at all, but I did try to get in the money pledged for South Dakota which made up the \$300. in order that Mrs. Fairbanks could begin her work with Miss LaFollette. I tell you, Miss Clay, it is a hard thing to have the person at the head of the association constantly finding fault and constantly belittling

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one to everybody who speaks of her. Miss Shaw had a chance to die in the harness, beloved of everyone just as Miss Anthony did; but she was spoiled by prosperity. We do not know whether the rest of us could stand it or not, so we ought not to make too much fuss about it, but it is a pity.

You need not feel badly about not hearing from me in the future. I shall write to you just the same.

You did not say whether you received the box of books for auditing, but I presume you did.

Yours lovingly,

HTU*A

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

July 25, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed find a note for \$500.00. The maker is Rev. F. M. Schultz. The property is on Austin Ave., Warren, Ohio, and the mortgage is made in Miss Reilly's name. She endorses to you and I hold mortgage here. This man has just built a new house and said he might not want the money but for six months. He is to let me know a month in advance so that I can reinvest and not have you loose any time. You will notice that this has been running since July 7th. The interest is 8¢ a day. You will know by your check book what day you sent your check. You may therefore pay me at the rate of 8¢ a day for the number of days between July 7th and the time you took the money out. You see, I had a lot of dribs belonging to different people and in order to make this loan I had to gather up enough to make \$500. I therefore owe this interest, or rather the note does. Is that clear to you?

I looked at a fine piece of property yesterday for your other money but have to make one or two inquiries before I can invest.

Still have an awfull suffrage mail because people insist on sending money to me.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

July 9, 1910

Dear Miss Clay,

You better send the books to us when you are through with them, because there are some things to go with them to New York. I suppose you will send your report for signature to Miss Blackwell. Undoubtedly you know it, but she is at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard Mass. They say she is so much better. Mrs. Catt, as you know is home and is gaining slowly. Rachel and Elizabeth are spending the day with her today.

I gave your regards to Father and he sends you back thanks for remembering him and says he wants you to know this is his 87th. birthday.

I had a chance a day or two ago to secure a mortgage of \$900. on a very good piece of property. I had three notes made out one for \$500. one for \$300. and one for \$100. If you will send me \$500. I will send you the \$500. note. A house just like this on the same street sold last week for \$2400. so you may know it is a good investment. The mortgage is being recorded and I will hold it here since three people have money in it. As soon as I receive your check, I will send you a little statement of the description of the mortgage, which you may file.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Richmond, Ky.

July 4th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your letter about the investments; and I would like to get you to invest \$1850.00 for me. I have that much in the savings bank, and can send it at any time. If it should happen that the investment you find calls for one or two hundred dollars more, I might send it, but it is more convenient just now for me not to loan more than the \$1850.00. However, you can let me hear about that.

I received notice from the Express office, after I left Lexington, Ky. I supposed it might be stationary from

have it forwarded at once, and real
is the books, and I wrote at once
forwarded. Do you wish me to return the
Ashley after I have audited them?

I have received a package of the Memo
ed for us. Is it not good to have him for

Please remember me to our father and
drews.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 15th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my check for \$500.00 for investment in the mortgage. Your letter was directed to Richmond, Va., and wandered around, reaching me yesterday night. I do not know how it found its way to me at all.

I am working on the books and hope to send them to you tomorrow.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

Richmond, Kentucky.

August 1st, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have been on the farm for the last two weeks where I have no facilities for receiving or answering letters; and therefore my delay in answering yours of July 25th, with enclosure of the note for five hundred dollars. Yes, I understand about the interest for advance time, and I enclose my check for 8 cents for ~~interest~~ 9 days, or 75 cents; and five dollars for commission at one % for investing the \$500.00. I had expected you to send a bill for this, but as you have not done it I make the calculation myself, and if I have not understood rightly you can let me know next time you write.

I believe I have no news which is not in the Journal.

Please remember me to your father and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Saura Clay

Sunday July 17th 1910.

Dear Miss Clay

You see the postage
mail keeps up at such a rate
~~the~~ & I have no stenographer that
I make errors because of haste -
The reason the Va- letter was sent -
to you was because the Va- post-
master wrote me there was a letter
with my card to your address
uncalled for & I sent - address -
Have received your ck. I had a
chance to get a good loan for \$900.
Miss Reilly put in \$400.00 & I thought
I had five of Miss Shaw's - If you
d. did not amount to that so I
thought of you - The mortgage was
made to Miss Reilly as Miss Shaw

~~she~~ is abroad so much. Mrs Reilly
wishes to sign note to Mrs Shaw &
I have now asked her to sign to
you. Will send you the note and
signed statement in regard to next
page so if anything should happen
either you or me any one could
understand it -

Mrs Arey is here for three or four
days and my time is pretty full -
Will answer your auditors letter
tomorrow if possible -

Always Lovingly

Harriet J Upton

Richmond, Ky.

July 15th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I do not know that it is part of my official duty to audit the books of the S.B.A. Memorial Fund; but as you have sent me the books I have examined them with care. I find them correct; but I have some comments to make which seem to me desirable for your protection, about the sums paid to Miss Shaw and the entries about them. This is particularly the case about the \$1000.00 for travelling expenses. With your explanation I can understand the transaction, but I am sure no one looking at the books ~~simply~~ only would have any understanding of the transaction. In the first place, Did you or did Miss Thomas advance Miss Shaw \$2500.00 in June, 1909? There is no record of the loan and no acknowledgement of it recorded on the books. When I saw the item last winter, if I had any definite idea of it at all, it was that Miss Shaw had made a donation to the Fund of \$1500/00. The receipt sent by Miss Shaw finally in June of 1910 does not state the date or manner of the payment; and if there should arise any discussion about it, it would clear up the explanation very imperfectly. It does not state, either, the exact time from which the payment is to count, or the ~~starting~~ date to which it is to count as payment. I would strongly advise you to write out

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a ~~complete~~ statement of the whole transaction, with dates of the advance loan and of the partial return, - that is, of the return of the \$1500.00 alone, together with a copy of the letter in which you say Miss Shaw first acknowledged receiving the money, and attach it to the books as part of the record before you send them to the new treasurer. You see the record of what became of the money was not put into the books until a year after the loan, except simply the statement that ~~Miss Shaw~~ the Thomas-Garrett fund received \$1500.00, with Miss Shaw's name below. This entry could be more readily interpreted otherwise than as a payment of a debt by Miss Shaw of borrowed money. If there had been any thing like a clear record of this payment when it was spoken of at Washington I could have borne testimony; but I had not the slightest idea from the record that it had been paid. Since I have stated in the Board that it had not been paid, when it was mentioned, I think it even more necessary for you to make an explicit statement about it. Do not rely on Miss Shaw's receipt, but examine that receipt, and see how little definite statement it makes.

(2) I wish to call attention to the receipts for Miss Shaw's salary, signed by L.G. for her (who is L.G?) May 15, 1909. The previous receipts had stated that payment had been made to Nov

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had been made to Nov. 1909, and this receipt should read from Nov. 1909 to May 1910, instead of from Nov. 1908 to May 1909. The receipt signed by L.G. on May 9 seems to be correct.

(3) In the summary of the Fund it speaks of a Note for \$1000.00, General Treasury. Does this mean the General Treasury owes the Fund \$1000.00? And if so, when was the money borrowed? The only record of loans is of those paid back in Oct. 31, 1908, of \$2000.00.

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

August 22, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

I wish you would send me a regular Auditor's statement for the books which you have audited so that I can paste it in before the books go to New York. I also would like to have you send me a second one so that next year I can give it to whoever gets out the Minutes. It ought to go in the regular report.

Miss Andrew's father has been very sick and she needed a rest from her long work here in the Office, but had an offer of a position paying \$20.00 a week for seven weeks and thought she ought to take it. She has had to work a little while evenings for suffrage, and finished up Saturday night.

I am now answering the questions which you asked in your letter of July 15th, and, as you are at Richmond and not where your papers are, I will return this letter to you and ask you to return it to me. I would not trust my own copy to hardly anybody else in the world. I know you will surely send it back.

In answer to your comment No.1, I would say that the item of 60¢ is included in "Mailing, \$2.67" and is on page 133 in the Ledger.

Comment No.2; You were right that the order for

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\$38.94 for Washington Headquarters was superfluous. This does not change the accounts, however, as the entries are all correct.

Comment No. 3; This was the \$24.00 which Miss Shaw pledged to South Dakota. She sent it to me and we sent her our receipt for it. We sent it to Mrs. Fairbanks, who receipted to us in due form. When the South Dakota receipt went to Miss Shaw to have an order attached, she kept it evidently thinking it ought to belong to her, and although I wrote her twice about it and asked her to return the receipt with an order, she did not reply. However, she did not send us an order for it but kept the receipt. I think you will have to accept a cancelled check as a receipt. If this explains it I shall be glad.

Comment No. 4; This receipt and order came after the books went to you. They are now filed in their proper places. The same is true of No. 5.

I have made a receipt for No. 6 for \$1.42 and put it in the proper file.

You are right about there being a difference of 10¢ in your comment No. 7. Miss Shaw's statement footed up \$16.50 and should have been \$16.40. Miss Andrews overlooked this, and it is wonderful she did because she always added all accounts that came in. We are wondering if you cannot overlook this in some way because really I just hate to take up the matter with Miss Shaw for 10 cents.

Comment No. 8; We never received regular receipts

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from Miss Shaw for the \$36.00. Miss Penfield sent it to her for order. Bills and orders for \$75.00 and \$25.00 in the book and the receipt for \$148.50 to Robert L. Owen never came to my knowledge.

I hope you will be willing to accept this explanation and sign the Auditor's statement. As I say, under the conditions, I hate so badly to take up any ordinary thing with Miss Shaw. In the first place she will say that she sent the receipts and then she will scold about everybody in the Office, and particularly will she give Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck a daub and end up by raking me all to pieces.

I never had such a hard time in my life getting receipts as I had from her last year. In fact, she never sent me a receipt for that \$1000.00 until just as she sailed for England and then she stuck it into an envelope and sent it to me and has never mentioned it since. Not very long ago she wrote me a pretty stiff letter asking why I had not sent the books and saying that they could not do anything in the Office until they had them. I replied that I sent Miss Ashley a full statement of everything that was on the books and sent Miss Shaw a copy so that it was ridiculous for her to say she did not know how much to pay Oklahoma when there was a statement saying we had sent them \$1225.00 between January and June.

Of course, you will have to decide this for yourself, but if you are satisfied with this explanation, I shall be so glad to get your written report and pasted in the

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book.

Father is unusually well. I go to the Office now half a day and I can get so much done in that time. I find, however, that I am awfully tired from the National strain and am only working on Ohio and am not thinking about suffrage only half a day. I must say though when I first waken up in the morning I think about the finances of the Association. I cannot get it off my mind.

Cordially yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

Note from my S. B. C. fund letter, written by Mrs. Upton.

"(3) This note is for \$1000⁰⁰ dated Oct. 1, 1909, one year, without interest. Note is in right hand top drawer."

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, WARREN, OHIO

September 6, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter received with the Auditor's report.

Have sent the books.

Miss Shaw has sent me a very cross ugly letter in regard to the delay of these books. At first I thought I would tell her that her obstinacy in regard to the \$1000.00, her ill feeling towards Mrs. Potter made her get excited in signing orders and so on and that she was partly responsible for the delay, but then I thought the less said the soonest mended. It did hurt my feelings however to have her say that I was holding the books back to hinder the work and consequently the administration. I think she is exceedingly nervous and tired and is not equal to the great responsibility which is upon her and consequently she scolds at those of us who are so soft hearted as to take it.

I sent her a carefully prepared statement and sent the same to Miss Ashley, showing exactly how we stood and it is much easier to work from this statement than from the books. However, Miss Shaw is no accountant and could not do it herself so I suppose she thinks others cannot. Oh, it is all a pity, but when I get one of her letters and remember that I used to get them every day or two, I do not know how I stood it. This letter came at noon yesterday, but father had a bad heart

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turn and I was in his room all that time and did not open my letters until 11:00 o'clock at night and then because the letter was hard and because I was tired, I wept copious tears.

I have not loaned your money although I have made arrangements for the loan of \$600. on a splendid proposition and expected to use some of your money for it.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton
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September 3, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay:

Mrs. Catt has asked Elizabeth Hauser to work for the Woman Suffrage Party for a few months and begin work on Sept. 12th. She expected to go at that time and to get a lot of letters written, but she was called to New York on other business and leaves tomorrow. I laid out all the papers and letters and things in regard to Ohio work and she came up yesterday to spend two hours with me and I agreed to write some letters for her. That is the reason I am writing this.

You remember the splendid program which Mrs. Hartshorn got up for the National Association on the Industrial question. You also remember that she was appointed Chairman of the Literature Committee. She has submitted to that committee one of the most magnificent plans for printing and distributing of literature that I have ever seen or heard of. If I had ever thought that we could have had anybody do such work as that when I was on the Board I should have rejoiced. She plans what they will print, what form it will be in, how it will be printed and when it will be printed, and it is so clear that a child could understand it. The sub-heads are really wonderful. It is scholarly in its conception and will be most practical when worked out. Miss Hauser was going to

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write you and tell you that when the matter came before the Business Committee that you consider the question well. She says tht just the work which Mrs. Hartshorn proposes to do in the way of proof reading and the mechanical part of it is worth \$1000.00 in money to the Association. I think Miss Hauser knows what she is talking about because she read so much of the proof of all the literature which we published the last few years. Mrs. Hartshorn wants this literature printed in Chicago because she must read proof on it. That is one of the stipulations and she says as she is making a goodly contribution and as her time is limited she feels that it must be made easy for her. She has gotten the Chicago Political Equality Club to contribute a goodly sum towards the printing of this literature.

You once told me that you liked to have me tell you about things in advance so that when the question is put to vote, you will be ready to vote upon it. I presume that because Mrs. Hartshorn is a friend of Mrs. Potter's, Miss Shaw will not want her to do this just in the way she proposes.

Of course you will have to decide for yourself what is best to do in regard to it, but I am giving you my opinion and Miss Hauser's as well.

I did not mean to mix business in this letter but I have a chance to loan \$600.00 to a young German and his wife who have a \$2100.00 place and are paying for it. Have you any more money? I do not have to make the loan for ten days.

We are all well.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upston
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HTU-AD

Richmond, Ky.

September 2nd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose my auditor's letter and the two auditor's reports, as you ask. I think the vote in the Official Board in Washington on similar small errors will cover the case of the ten cents in Miss Shaw's account; and the other points you have rectified.

I got a nice letter from Miss Horton, acknowledging the receipt of the note we hold jointly.

Unless you already have an investment for the remainder of the money I asked you to loan, I would like to wait for a few months to write again how much I want invested, as I shall soon have to pay for the cattle I buy at this time of year, for which I might have to borrow money myself until I sell those I now have fat.

I am truly grieved to hear of Miss Andrews' father's condition. It is a heavy burden for the family.

The last I heard from Miss Shaw it seems likely that Miss Penfield will be sent to Oklahoma. The S. Da. women do not want her; and if she does not remain at work in the Black Hills the next best place for her will be Oklahoma, where they want her very much. The Oklahoma women at least are not quarrelling among themselves. No one can foresee whether they will win or not.

I have heard nothing recently from Arizona.

Please remember me to your father, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the N.A.P.S.A. and find them correct.

July 15th, 1910.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the N.A.P.S.A. taken to items \$36.00, \$75.00, \$25.00 and \$149.50 on pages 159- 161 of Journal and find them correct.

July 15th, 1910.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the N.A.P.S.A. to items \$36.00, \$75.00, \$25.00 and \$149.50 on pages 159- 161 of the journal, and find them correct.

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

OFFICE OF THE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEEHARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
CHAIRMAN

Warren, Ohio,

Nov 17 1910

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been thinking of you so often lately that I have concluded to write you. I miss your letters so much & miss hearing general news as well. I am afraid you are feeling badly about Ok. I hope you will not - you did every thing you could yourself and I doubt if any amount of money would have been spent in Okla. - we could win in the Constitutional convention. You see in Okla. the people were not for us. In some other states the people are for us and the machine against. In Washington both were for us hence the result. In Ohio we are going to try to get both - By the way when we really get into the field, a year from now or maybe sooner. Will you give some time to speaking in the

lower part of the state -
our campaign committee is appointed,
I am soliciting funds, Leeds
woman will have headquarters - they
will pay rent for the whole campaign

It is funny but - clear to my back bone
I feel we are going to win -
I have realized of late how much we
each influence the world - the
people we come in contact with -
you know how easily I cry - Well
ever since you spoke as you did to
Lucy Arthur & afterwards nothing
made you so disgusted as for some
one to be too hoarse just - when they should
be calm I have kept - back tears -
See you convinced me easily - Nobody
cares for tears -

Well write me when you are rested
and have time - I always love to hear
from you -

darling comfortable - George all right -

Longly

Samuel

I am sorry not to be with you & Mrs Stewart -
but the relief of being out of the fussing is so
great -



Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

OFFICE OF THE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
CHAIRMAN

Warren, Ohio,

Dec. 23, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed find \$60. interest on the mortgage which you hold belonging to William Coale. Please acknowledge to me its receipt.

I am thinking of you often these days because of your stay here in Headquarters during one Christmas time. Those were pretty good old days, weren't they?

Miss Ashley has written me in regard to the Boyer business. I have not said anything to herein regard to your writing to me about it. She feels perfectly sure that the National doesn't owe Mrs. Boyer that money but of course all she knows about it is what she gets from Miss Shaw. Both times that Mrs. Boyer started to Oklahoma--I mean the last times, I begged Miss Shaw to have a contract with her and you see they each misunderstood each other as they would not have done had they had something in writing.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

[Dec. 31, 1910]

I can not help
but be anxious today.
I always missed the
31st because I num-
ber of states had not
sent dues. Unless
Mrs. Shaw told
Mrs. Ashley she will
not know and they
will be delinquent.
I hope all is well

H. T. U

An Arthur Guiterman Poem

One Feather

Her sister brought the wife a feather—
A soft, Parisian a thing of beauty
(And Mr. Loeb may answer whether
He did or did not get the duty.)

The feather had to have a hat
To wreath itself upon, I take it;
For twenty dollars (cheap at that!)
Madame O'Malley deigned to make it.

So fine a hat is simply lost
Without a proper coat below it.
The coat, with all its fixings, cost,
Say, ninety more—at least I owe it.

The coat was scarcely warm enough—
A stylish cloth is rarely weighty;
But, after all, the stole and muff
Were hardly very dear at eighty.
And then a gown and shoes and things—
Here! add the bills, ye household
scholars!

That little feather plumed the wings
Of pretty near three hundred dollars!

A straw may break the camel's back.
How might a feather overtax him!

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

Office of the Treasurer

Warren, Ohio,

Dec. 31, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed find check for \$15.00, interest on the Schultz mortgage for six months. It was not due until the 7th of January but he paid it a day or two ago.

Let me know that you got it.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upham

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

OFFICE OF THE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
CHAIRMAN

Warren, Ohio,

Dec. 19, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay,

I have been a long time answering your letter in regard to the \$2000 and Mrs. Boyer.

When I first read it I was perfectly sure that the \$2000 did not apply on back bills. I reasoned so because we were owing Mrs. Boyer more than \$500 at the time of the Washington meeting and that I must have known she could not get on with \$1500. Then after I thought about it

a time I was not so sure. I had a second feeling that this \$2000 was all we were going to give to Oklahoma.

I did not want to break your confidence in regard to this matter and wanted when the time came to talk over the Oklahoma business with Miss Andrews who kept the books.

Miss Andrews remembers about the paying of the check and the delaying of it and all and she is quite sure that the \$2000 did not intend to pay the old bills. I think she is right in this but if I had to go on the witness stand and swear to it I would not like to do it because at that time we were all under such a strain that it was hard to remember things of that kind.

I have just reread Mrs. Boyer's file for the past year hoping that some light would be given me there, and I fairly feel sick as I have finished it. I find myself pleading with Miss Shaw to carefully consider the expenses of

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Oklahoma and have things in black and white as far as Mrs. Boyer is concerned. I do this because Oklahoma has been such a sore point with me always. Miss Shaw was always scolding about the expenses of it and then when the bills which were voted were paid always scolded me. The letter I wrote to Miss Shaw when there was talk of sending Mrs. Boyer back to Oklahoma is fairly pitiful. Then I have a letter from Miss Shaw in which she says that Mrs. Boyer has been into Headquarters, that there is to be a special election and she has sent her off without having contracts or anything of the kind. I regret this very much in a letter and tell her that no business is ever so pressing that one has to do it without business methods. Then Miss Shaw orders me to send Mrs. Boyer her salary but not to give her any thing on Headquarters. Just as if one could have a campaign on and not have Headquarters. So that all the time Mrs. Boyer was begging me for money, telling me that she was drawing from her own pocket way up into the hundreds, \$800. I think at one time, and Miss Shaw telling me not to pay it. I say in one letter to Mrs. Boyer that I have gotten more gray hairs in the last six months than I had in all the rest of my life. I remember Mr. Upton asking me one night what I suddenly had gotten gray for. I did not want to tell him it was Oklahoma, but I think it was.

As you say possibly this matter has been adjusted. Surely the Association cannot let Mrs. Boyer put hundreds of dollars into that Oklahoma campaign. If they cannot do

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anything else, they ought to give her a note.

I am sorry that I do not remember this more clearly but I do not and that is the end of it.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 6th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am always so glad to hear from you, though I cannot often answer promptly. Your letter of Nov. 17th came just after my return from our State E. P. A. convention at Covington, and found me overwhelmed with work. I do not employ a stenographer except when I cannot pull through by myself. I am resolved not to let your second letter remain unanswered so long.

I am deeply interested in the prospective campaign in Ohio; and I believe our cause is growing so fast that the politicians are bound to think that we must be reckoned with. Therefore, I believe your chance is pretty good in Ohio. Notwithstanding, I cannot pledge any money, either for myself or the state. You know I went pretty heavily into my own pocket, as I wrote to you at the time, for Oklahoma; and I am resolved not to put the Bruce principal into any but a winning campaign, unless it be in Kentucky. I am having the Woman's Journal sent to my Madison address, and hence have not seen it for several weeks. I do not know whether it has yet announced that the Ky. E. P. A. has invited the National Convention to meet in Louisville in April, and that we have offered to provide the hall for the meetings and to entertain the General Officers at a hotel. This will involve a great deal of expense, - I cannot yet tell how much. But I could not now ask our state to pledge anything for Ohio. Also, until after the Convention I shall not know exactly how the financial affairs of the National stand, and there I believe my first duty lies. I know, though, that the funds are very low, and it will

require economy and prudence to pull through.

With all this, however, I want to assure that I shall bear Ohio in mind; and while I am not willing to plge with the future looking so unsettled financially, I shall certainly hope to do something and have Kentucky do something as the time draws nearer and we see our own way more clearly. I shall be glad to help by giving some time to the campaigning, if I am needed.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter to Miss Ashley, sent me by Mrs. Boyer, because I wish to ask if you have any clear recollection of this matter, beyond what the minutes record? As the bills were in your hands you may recollect; while I do not. If Mrs. Boyer is correct in her understanding the National ought certainly to pay according to the agreement. I have never received any statement from Miss Ashley in regard to the matter, and it may have been settled satisfactorily to Mrs. Boyer. But in case it has not been settled I want the benefit of your recollection about it. As you were the Treasurer at the time, I do not consider it breaking official confidence in consulting you; but of course you will consider it as if you were under official confidence. Please return the letter as soon as you can conveniently.

I am glad to hear your father's health is comfortable. Please give my regards to him.

Write soon again. I am always so glad to hear from you.

Affectionately yours,

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

OFFICE OF THE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
CHAIRMAN

Warren, Ohio,

Dec. 2, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay,

You know of course that Ohio is to have a constitutional convention and you also know that if Ohio women should be enfranchised the influence would be greater in Kentucky than the same influence in any other state unless it were a southern state.

We have formed a campaign committee which is composed of the officers of the state. We have had an Executive Committee meeting and made arrangements for the beginning of the work and have also secured pledges of the members of the Executive Committee to lay aside all personality and have started out in a splendid spirit. Just now there seems to be so much fussing in many of the states that I consider this quite a feature.

I know that you have given all you can personally to Oklahoma. I know about your loan of the Bruce fund to the National, but can't Kentucky pledge something to Ohio to be paid in a year or eighteen months? I know if you can you will because you have always believed in helping where there was a chance and this seems to me a great chance.

I am expecting the Kentucky people will help a little in the southern part of the state when the campaign is really on. Ohio has given me a clerk on half time. I have one end of the old office in the Court House and I spend all my mornings there. I give my afternoons to father and my home keeping.

What did you think of Miss Shaw submitting that minority report to the Potter resolution? I think I am rather glad that she did it. Otherwise in a few years from now, if she lives, undoubtedly she would forget she ever said it.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton