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585 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass., Feb. 10, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw:

I have known Mrs. Jenks for a number of years, and I think she has some admirable qualifications for campaign work. She is good looking and makes a favorable impression, especially on men. She would not allow herself to be put in a hole in an argument; she is enthusiastic herself and can make others share in her enthusiasm. She read an admirable paper at our "At Home" the other day, and is a very earnest suffragist, devoted, and would not save herself. She also would be able to recognize what was the important thing to do, and not get swamped in details.

Whether she would tie all the bow-knots after her and get an organization solid I have my doubts. She is better for spurt work, and would be just the one for campaigning, and for getting men to do as she wants. If no ideal person offers, I should advise trying Mrs. Jenks for three months, at least. She will do no harm (some of our organizers have) and in my opinion she has lots of good work in her, and might make a brilliant success. She does talk too much, as you say, but she talks well and writes well, and she understands about the telling thing, and how to get it into the papers.

Yours cordially

Mary Hutcheson Page.

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Headquarters, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.,
February 11, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw:

Miss Penfield has sent you an account of our Committee meeting and I will not weary you with a repetition. You also have the minutes, which read smoothly enough, the effort required to bring this result not appearing on the surface, I am glad to say. We thought it best to retain Mrs. Johnson as chairman; I still think it was the wisest thing to do. She would not resign, and we could not have trouble for the newspapers to get hold of. I shall always be sorry that I did not meet Mrs. Jeffries before she began her letter writing to me, because then I could never have been so misled by her. She built up a wondrous fabric with little if any foundation in fact.

Mr. Johnson made a good impression here. Mrs. Johnson will work under direction of Committee. She is now at home; has given a talk before County Teachers' meeting, where Governor Vessey made the address; is invited to Huron to speak before Union clubs.

Mrs. Thors, of Britton, W.C.T.U. but only suffrage this year, is still here at Headquarters. She is doing much to bring the old workers into line, and I really think work with all factions will now move on harmoniously. Miss Penfield left two days ago for her work in northern part of State. Her route is laid out until April surely, and if plans do not miscarry, until June. She was a great help during Committee meeting. I don't know what I should have done without her - I am missing her now in office work.

Miss Ursin is doing good work. Miss Bower will enter the field next month. She is now talking suffrage entirely - no temperance - with remarkable success. We have made arrangements with Prof. Leavitt, from letter and folder enclosed. We are intending to begin this work here with a concert and "How the Vote was Won."

There is suffrage sentiment everywhere and clubs or committees in every part of the state, their number rapidly growing. I think we can induce Mrs. Hendricks to campaign this County; Rev. Katherine Powell, Rev. Nina L. Pettigrew, Mrs. Bidwell, Miss Walker, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Mrs. Breeden, Mrs. Jeffries have made arrangements to work in their respective counties. Rev. J. M. Brown, our local Methodist Minister - you remember him - has been out speaking for suffrage in near by towns. Rev. Taylor, M.E., Aberdeen will do the same; you will see that many are at work. The Sioux Falls Club, since October, has put into campaign \$325. Our Chairman, State Finance Committee, is making every effort to raise money, and we hope to make a commendable showing soon. No one can possibly regret more than we that we are not rich; we are still in the pioneer stage; our state is sparsely settled; hundreds of shacks are being built every year on the prairie sod, and a dollar means much to these men and women who are struggling for a home; we will willingly give our time, our strength, our best thought and what money we have to give. I realize if all would give only a little it would amount to much in the aggregate, but it is difficult to get them to see it so. However, we mean to do all we can. Earnest work-work and self-sacrifice count for much and we are not discouraged. We shall carry the Amendment.

With best wishes and sincere regards.

Faithfully

Cicely J. Tinsley.

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February 21, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a little explanation of the absurd newspaper report which was circulated in regard to my illness on last Thursday night. It was a fabrication as you will see, simply because the reporter was angry that I would not go back to the platform and have my picture taken, which would have been a most ridiculous performance.

I returned on Thursday from one of the most helpful and encouraging trips which I have taken for a long time. I spoke in Philadelphia, Elmira, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Albany, N. Y. At every place the house was all too small to hold the audience, especially in Binghamton and Elmira, probably due to the fact that Mrs. Belmont attended both of these meetings, and in Albany both Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Mackay were present. But whatever was the cause of the crowd coming, at least we had a good chance to address them, and the impression made in every place was most helpful to our cause. The best managed and the best arranged meeting of all was in Buffalo, showing the thorough organization in that city and the practical work they are doing.

Between the Elmira and the Buffalo meetings I had Sunday and Monday. On Sunday I went to Mrs. Osborne to spend the day with her and had a most helpful and restful day. On Monday I went to Geneva to spend the day en route with Mrs. and Miss Miller. Last Monday was my birthday, and I did not

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mention it to any one, so did not know that either Mrs. or Miss Miller knew anything about it, as Mrs. Osborne did not. When I reached Geneva I found ^{they had} arranged a birthday party for me, and had taken the greatest pains to prepare a most beautiful surprise. I unfortunately missed being at the dinner, but came in just as it was over. Mrs. Lewis, of Buffalo, and her daughter-in-law, and Mrs. Miller's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dudley Miller, were the guests. It was a most pleasant surprise particularly as I was not feeling well and was rather lonesome and homesick. Mrs. Lewis brought some beautiful yellow flowers from her greenhouse which decorated the table, and for our supper we had all sorts of birthday and valentine day remembrances in the shape of confections and other things, with a great birthday-cake which the cook had taken much pains in making with my name in yellow outline, hearts, etc. The whole thing touched me very much, especially because I thought nobody knew anything about it, and because of my memory of having spent it for so many years with Miss Anthony. When we sat about the great open fire, with Mrs. Miller looking like a beautiful spirit, and Miss Miller fluttering everywhere to make people happy and enjoy themselves, and Mrs. Lewis smiling and happy because everybody else was happy and because she had a secret to tell, I must confess it made me sorry when I looked in their kindly and friendly faces that I should ever feel discouraged or hopeless. The secret which Mrs. Lewis had to tell was this: that she had given me the pleasure of a birthday present which I would receive on Tuesday, Miss Anthony's birthday, in memory of Miss Anthony. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Dudley Miller accompanied me to Buffalo and we went to Mrs. Lewis' home where she had arranged for our entertainment. Before going to the platform Mrs. Lewis' secretary handed me an envelope and on opening it I found a check for one thousand dollars, saying that it was given in honor of Miss Anthony's birthday for the work of the Association. I have written to Mrs. Lewis to know whether she wants it put into the Anthony Memorial Fund, or

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or into the regular organization treasury, and as soon as I hear from her I shall inform Mrs. Upton, to whom I have sent the check. It was a very great joy to get this money at this time, and especially to get it from one who gave it in such a spirit of helpfulness and desire that it should be used for the very best purposes of the Association. I thought, however, if Mrs. Lewis had any preference as to its use she should be consulted first and so I have asked her. So that I feel my trip to Geneva was a very profitable one, both to myself personally in the happiness of spirit which I have had ever since I was there, and to the Association in the birthday gift which Mrs. Lewis so generously made to the Association.

I am enclosing in this letter a number of different things which I think will be of interest to you. I am very glad to say also that we are having very generous responses from those who have been invited to take part in our convention at Washington, and the outlook is very good for an interesting program.

Faithfully yours —

Anna H. Shaw

(P. C. M.)

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 16, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter of February the 9th in regard to Oklahoma is at hand. Of course, I am deeply interested in giving financial aid to Oklahoma, but I have not studied the financial questions of the Association sufficiently to give any suggestions about how to raise money. In regard to your proposition to loan the Association \$1000 from Miss Mary Anthony's bequest, I observe that it seems to be exactly a similar proposition to what I have made regarding the Bruce legacy. You received the form of note which Mrs. McCulloch sent to me in response to my letter. I enclosed a copy of it also to Mrs. Upton, and, no doubt, you have received her letter to the Official Board concerning it. While I did not ask Mrs. McCulloch the direct question, I supposed of course the officers of the Board would sign as the officers of the incorporated H. A. W. S.A. no matter who the officers were. I have not written to Mrs. McCulloch again

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from the Anthony fund. Of course, I recognize the possibility that the Association might not be in a position five years from now to return the \$1000 from the Bruce fund, even if the campaign was not successful; but as I explained to Mrs. McCulloch, my idea was to loan it on such terms as would fully vindicate my obligations as Trustee. If I never got it back I should feel that I had given it in a manner in accordance with the terms of the will and therefore my ~~legal~~ obligations as trustee would be fulfilled. It is largely a matter of sentiment and not a feeling of ~~legal~~ obligation that I wanted the money returned in case the campaign was not successful. If Mrs. McCulloch has this same view, I should be willing to loan the money from the Bruce fund on the signatures of the Officers of the N. A. W. S. A. as a corporation without involving them in any personal financial obligation.

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Perhaps your view of the Anthony is similar to mine about the Bruce fund, though I observed that you say that Miss Anthony herself stipulated that it should be used for a successful campaign and Miss Bruce did not do so. I have heard nothing further from either you or Mrs. Upton about the money and I am awaiting further communications.

Hoping your health is continuing to improve, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February 7, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

I have your long letter in regard to Miss Gregg; also Mrs. Jenks. I quite agree with your position in regard to both women, and my vote, as far as Miss Gregg is concerned, will be exactly in accord with yours.

I have written Mrs. Munds that we will be glad to cooperate with her in any plan which seems to be for the best interest of the Arizona people in the Constitutional Convention. I also urged upon her to secure the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil, and any others of the local people whom she thought would be helpful. I have requested her to keep Miss Gregg in the field because of the splendid work she is now doing. I told her that Miss Gregg is the only National speaker we can send to the State, and that we feel her whole time should be put in field work, because as a speaker she is most effective. Of course I did not mention to Mrs. Munds any reason why we felt she should not have charge of the Constitutional Convention work, except to say that we believed it was better to put it in to the hands of the Arizona people themselves, and to keep Miss Gregg at the work she could do perhaps better than some others, while we left this part of the work entirely to the local people in which case no prejudice could be aroused against outside interference. I think it is a good plan to secure a stenographer for them, but further than this I do not think it will be necessary for us to contribute toward the work there; in fact it will be absolutely impossible for us to do so, unless money can come through some source quite unknown to us now.

I am very anxious that Mr. Aylesworth should go to South Dakota, and I wish he could start immediately with the work there after the National convention, and keep it up through the summer, except the time he goes to chautauqua meetings. As president of the Agricultural College in Colorado, he will be familiar with farmers and farm work; consequently I think would be good to go out through the State and speak at all sorts of farmers picnics, meetings and things of that sort, and I have no doubt but that he would be able to raise a good part of his salary and expenses. I would like to see him put right at the work in the State after the National convention. If you see this need in the same light as I do, I wish you would use your influence in that

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direction.

It seems to me very strange that Mrs. Boyer and the women in Oklahoma did not discover before this that it took a majority of the votes cast at the election, even a special election, to secure an amendment. I cannot understand how they could have all left us in the dark on that point for so long.

I suppose you are down at Richmond attending the wedding of your nephew to Miss Burnam. I remember meeting her when I was there, and your sister, Mrs. Crenshaw, told me that they were to be married. I would like to have sent my congratulations to them, and my sincere desire for their happiness and long life.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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Dear Member of the Official Board:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter from Mrs. Decker, which is in reply to one from me written at the request of Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Biggers asking Mrs. Decker to urge the President of the State Federation of Clubs to cooperate with the suffragists in Oklahoma. I am going to ask you to consider this confidential, and that it shall not be given to anyone outside of the Official Board; by this I mean that it shall not be given to secretaries, friends, or to anybody, either officially related with the Association, or employed by it, or in any way connected with the suffrage movement. The only reason I submit a copy of Mrs. Decker's letter to the Official Board is because of the proposed change in our Constitution regarding affiliated societies, and I consider that her opinion upon the present organization of the Federation ought to be helpful to us in making a decision. I have also written Mrs. Decker, according to the vote of the Program Committee, asking her if she will speak at our National Convention.

You will remember at the Official Board meeting in December it was decided to cut the prices of our literature down to the closest possible margin to pay cost of printing. From the way in which the motion was worded, Mrs. Potter understood that the Literature Committee was to set the price of the leaflets, and so she wrote to the Committee about it. Whether anything

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has been heard from them in regard to it I cannot say, but we know very well that the Literature Committee is not in a position to set a price on the leaflets; the purpose of that Committee is to prepare the literature and decide what shall be published. No one can decide the price of literature, except the Official Board, and they can only do so on the statement of the Office Secretary who has the printing in charge, since the price must be determined by the cost of printing. I asked Miss Peak a few days since if anything had been done in regard to the change in the price of literature, and she replied that she had not heard from the Literature Committee. I then asked her to make an estimate of the cost of the leaflets, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of her reply. I think the literature can be sold cheaper and, if so, we ought to do it.

I am also enclosing a letter from Miss Anthony in regard to the engagement of a hall for the Sunday afternoon meeting for the National Convention, together with a vote on same.

Faithfully yours,

Encls.

Anna H. Shaw

(P. U. E. 2d.)

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Woman Suffrage Headquarters
Lee-Kuikins Hotel
Room 423

Oklahoma City, Okla. Feb 6th 1910

Dear Miss Shaw:-

We are elated, enthused and heartily encouraged by the events of the past week. I wrote you last Sunday and will take up the report from that date, Monday (Jan 31st) Mr. Langston called over long-distance phone asking Dr. Ruth Gay and myself to catch the next train and come to Guthrie on a very important errand. That was all the information he gave. On the train we met our Republican attorney - Judge Brown. He told us Roddie had appealed to the Supreme Court. This, we presumed was what Langston desired us to come to Guthrie for, but we had a surprise in store. We met Langston in the State House. He bluntly asked us if we would consent to a "deal" with the Democrats. Roddie had come to Langston with the proposition to withdraw his Appeal if the suffragists would consent to an Amendment purposed by the legislature, correcting the obnoxious Taylor Election Law. The "correction" would consist in striking out the word "male" and inserting an educational qualification, - also a grandfather clause. Langston assured us this would place our vote

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at the polls far above any chance of defeat. He stated Roddie desired an interview with us. We had no objection to hearing what any legislator had to say regarding our Amendment. Roddie met us in the Hotel and asked for a few minutes interview. Said interview was in effect:

1. That we wish withdraw our Initiative Petition ! ! ! !
(He carelessly and incidentally explained was unnecessary if the Democrats agreed to strike out the word male.)
2. That he would promise thereon to withdraw his appeal from Supreme Court.

We demurely inquired why it would be necessary to withdraw our petition. Why not let it stand as a separate Amendment? Also why tie us up as a rider in the grandfather clause? His explanations were voluminous but rather vague.

Roddie's interview terminated and after he left us Senator Jager "visited" with us. He made no such direct proposal that we withdraw a petition but bluntly insisted that we turn all the forces of our organization toward the success of the grandfather clause. His party (Democrats) was willing to give white suffrage irrespective of sex, but the negro must go.

Jager left us. Then came Hon. Ewell (Dem.) with practically the same line of argument.

Wortman and Gilmer likewise endeavored to show us how we could positively secure suffrage.

Delah! We were non-committal and I

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looked positively stupid. Returned from Guthrie on night train. Next ~~Monday~~ day (Tuesday) Rangstroo again called us on long-distance and said Governor Haskell desired an interview with us at 5:30 P.M. -- time of arrival of train from Oklahoma City. Dr. Gay, Mrs. Stephens and I decided to accept Haskell's appointment. It was the funniest interview imaginable. He had arranged that it was the Governor's turn to speak and he floundered and skirmished all over and around the subject. None of us helped him out of his dilemma. Dr. Gay said he "got lost" and that just expresses it. Mrs. Haskell was very affable and invited us to spend the evening with her at the "Royal". The entire time -- over one hour -- of interview was spent by the Governor in "prospecting". He didn't strike a single nugget or even pay dirt.

Wednesday, Dr. Richardson, reporter special for the Oklahoman called at our Headquarters. (Incidentally he said, "I had a long talk with Hamilton Bee yesterday. (Bee is a big dem. wire-puller). He says, 'We're on the run. That woman-suffrage party is the smoothest political bunch in the State. We're up against it. I don't think they can be beaten.'"

Wednesday afternoon State Mine Inspector, Pete Hauraty came to see us. He insisted ~~firmly~~ that we should join in the grandfather clause.

Thursday the Oklahoma News man said

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"Well you women certainly have the Democrats up a tree. I have just come from interviewing several candidates and I put the question of their attitude toward woman suffrage and every one replied that 'no candidate of any party dared go against it.' There seems to be a general admission that the suffrage Amendment will carry."

Langston called again on Saturday. Present Mrs. Biggers, Mrs. Stephens, Dr. Gay and myself. Langston said: "The Democrats are very uneasy. They all concede that they will have to make terms with you."

You will note that the foregoing is all "democratic," not a republican has intimated his knowledge of an effort being made to enlist our party support.

We stand unequivocally on our Initiative Petition. Any alliance with the Democrats would alienate our Socialist backing. No restriction of the suffrage is their war-cry in this campaign. The republicans would turn against us solidly. As it now stands we can win without a single compromise.

I do want Roddie to withdraw that Appeal however and mean to tell Gager and Ewell (Dunne and Stone) that many of our women significantly call attention to the fact that the only blow given our movement has come from Roddie - a Democrat. I think

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pressure can be brought on R-odde to withdraw. Again, Haskell must scent a favorable decision on our motion or he would not think it worth while to cater to us.

Kate Barnard asked Langston to urgently use his influence that the suffragists do not fight her for re-nomination. She says we are going to get the suffrage and she wants our support.

Several of our women will go to Luther's next Tuesday to copy the names on petition. We want them for a special mailing list.

I am just a little worried about one point. You remember that the women were ineligible to file the petition, and so Langston was substituted and the receipt was made out in his name. It is a question whether he has the power to withdraw the petition; if pressure were brought on him from political sources.

What our suffragists want is the championship of all parties. I think we can get this or at least retain their good-will, by a

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strict non-~~to~~ ^{to} ~~take~~ ^{take} attitude. There is no reason why the Amendment of a fraudulent clause cannot be kept a distinct, separate amendment. It is purely and specifically a party measure. We are asking that the word "male" be stricken out of the Constitution.

Friday and Saturday were devoted to campaign plans. We shall have a woman in each Congressional District, and County Chairmen will be advised and assisted by her. We hope to secure County Chairmen to serve without salary, for expenses only. The Congressional Dist. Women will be paid \$30. per month and expenses.

Our great and immediate need is funds for these, for printing literature and for a Press Department.

Later we hope that Miss Shaw, Miss Clay, Miss Gordon and Mrs Kelby will come to our aid.

Sincerely yours

Ida Porter Boyd.

(P.S. by Dr. Gay.)

I heartily second the appeal for aid both financially and in person, from our national members, to come and assist.

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The political situation here is so favorable, that we are all keyed up with a determination to win.

Mr. Beckell said to Langston to "tell that 'Woman suffrage committee' to throw out the next time that I see them. I did not know what to say to them, you had to say it."

Langston said. "Don't you forget it. those women canvassed on you before coming in here. they are the smartest bunch of women in this state".

Hopefully yours.

Rueh. A. Gay. W. H.

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 5, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have received your letter in regard to the employment of Mrs. Jenks. I approve of the idea of having more trained organizers and from what is said of Mrs. Jenks, I would think she was a favorable person to try. However, I think it is a little risky to send a wholly untried speaker into a field where there is a campaign going on; but I particularly think it would be unwise to send a woman from a New England state to a southern and Western state like Oklahoma. My observation is that it is difficult for a New Englander to amalgamate either with the southern people or with the western people. Of course, I have no such decided views about South Dakota, where I have no knowledge of local sentiment. My judgment would be, however, that we ought to try every new organizer in some field where there is no campaign going on. As far as Oklahoma goes, ~~in fact we have~~ received from various members of the working force there, I understand that they have four or five women and men, who would be capable of going out into the lecture field. I would greatly prefer to support these home speakers with financial aid than to spend the same money on women wholly unacquainted with the situation as Mrs. Jenks necessary is. Therefore, I shall be obliged to withhold my vote from sending Mrs. Jenks or any other untried person into Oklahoma; though I should be glad, if we can afford it, to send her into fields where there is no campaign going on.

I enclose my votes on the slip you enclosed. I am gratified to know that matters have turned out pleasantly after the meeting in South Dakota.

Have I written to you that Mrs. Bennett's son, Warfield, is to be married on Tuesday to Miss Esther Burnam, the grand-daughter of the old gentleman, Mr. Burnam, whose guest you were when you were last in Richmond. I go on Monday to be present at the wedding, and shall be in Richmond for a few days, which may cause some delay in my answering any letters which I may receive early next week.

Very cordially yours,

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TELEGRAPH

Feb 4, 1910

505 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Vote submitted by the President
to members of Official Board:

1. Are you in favor of engaging the Belasco Theatre in Washington, for Sunday afternoon, April 17th, at a cost of \$200.00?

2. Are you in favor of engaging the Arlington hall-room, provided we have to pay for the use of it?

3. Are you in favor of taking the Arlington hall-room, if we can secure it free, rather than the Belasco Theatre?

(C O P Y)

Feb. 3, 1910

Dear Miss Shaw

I've weighed our leaflets and computing postage in addition to printing cost, we are at the reduced rate I now get from our new firm making just three cents a hundred. Therefore I can't put the leaflets down to ten cents a hundred as I said I would, for it costs us twelve cents a hundred to send them out!

Taking out cost and time of wrapping and wrapper and twine, we don't make much of anything. The one booklet I have had reprinted, Alice Stone Blackwell's "Objections Answered", \$120.00 for 10,000 edition, retails at 2 for 5cts. The actual cost of printing is 1 1/5cts each in wholesale lots. Postage is 1¢ each where we send singly. We can send 2 for 1¢ but no more. This brings the cost price of "Objections Answered", plus mailing expense, without counting time and cost of wrapping, to from about 1 4/5¢ to 2 1/5¢. We are selling at 2 for 5¢, or in quantity, \$2.00 a hundred. It seems to me we cannot figure any closer on our literature than that. Nobody but the New York State Association has ever complained to Headquarters of our literature prices. I think when they print for themselves they will see we are about as low as we can be. Brentano is selling "Objections Answered" down town for 5¢ apiece! I remember I made them a special price on Mrs. McCulloch's folder, "Facts Stronger than Theory", so they had no cause for complaint on that score. I've forgotten what it was, but can figure it out over again. I will make them the same figure whenever they want it. I am getting estimates on two more reprints of booklets and possibly may lower the price on them, but do not think it likely. New York prices for printing are much higher than Warren prices, as far as I have compared them. We do well to keep our literature at the old figure with increased cost of getting it out.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Mary Gray Peck.

Lexington, Ky. Feb. 4, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

Your letter of Feb. 2d is at hand and I answer under topics.

Arizona. I am in favor of authorizing Miss Gregg to secure a stenographer whom I suppose she would leave in Prescott at this time to assist Mrs. Munds. I have received this very morning a letter from Mrs. Munds, which I enclose to you and request its return. In it she mentions that she has commenced the Press work. In regard to Miss Gregg, it is my very definite opinion that she should remain in the field ~~right~~ from the start until the campaign is over. It seems that so far she has covered only four counties and there are fourteen counties with much of the population in the southern counties. I wish to ~~state~~ ^{place} myself on record and beg you to secure your help in not at any time placing Miss Gregg in charge of the legislative work or of Headquarters work at Phoenix. With all admiration for Miss Gregg's ability, I think she absolutely fails in the qualities necessary to direct a campaign. In the field or in Press work or in anything, which she does herself she is admirable and gives unqualified satisfaction. ~~As~~ ^{As} you see from Mrs. Munds' letters and as I have observed whenever I have had her under my observation, ~~but~~ ^{and} I say right now, if you think it is necessary I wish you would have it repeated to all the members of the Board, that I think it would be a fatal mistake to put the charge of the Constitutional and Headquarters' work at Phoenix in her hands. She has no comprehension at all of the necessity of

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consulting the home people at every step and with every breathe ~~xx~~ which I believe necessary to any success. You know how she did in Oregon, and allowed a Maine young woman to be the prominent figure in the campaign. That alone was enough to ruin us in Oregon and anything approaching it would be sure to ruin us in Arizona. I recommend therefore that Miss Gregg be told right at ~~the start we are to~~ ~~take~~ take charge of Headquarters in Phoenix. I think she ought to be in the lecture field the whole time and from the lecture field cooperate with whom ever may be in charge in Phoenix. With a stenographer to help Mrs. Munds at Prescott now and later perhaps to ~~render~~ ^{render} service ~~otherwise~~ ^{like} at Phoenix with such help as Miss Gregg can give out from the field is what I hope for. I am delighted with what Mrs. Munds says in her letter about Mrs. O'Neill's willingness to work. You remember that Mr. O'Neill was one of the Senators who voted for Woman's Suffrage when I was there. Mrs. O'Neill's first husband was killed in the Spanish American War. He was her present husband's elder brother, and her only child is her first husband's son. The first Mr. O'Neill was a man who many years ago got the first Woman's Suffrage bill passed in Arizona, though as you know it met final defeat. Both her husband and she are proud of this record, and I believe are earnest Suffragists in every respect. He is a man of considerable talent, though, I think, an impetuous temper injures his own prospects frequently; however, I know of no man better suited to champion our cause. Senator Goodrich, though an abler man, is old and in poor health. Mrs. O'Neill is a charming woman, well educated, well mannered, and one whom you must love, if you are thrown with her. She was a school teacher before her marriage and is far above the average in intelligence. She is exceedingly capable of doing good work, but I was told while there what I would have observed for myself, that she is not of a disposition to push ahead or

Sioux Falls, February 1, 1910.

Rev. Anna E. Shaw,
New York City.

Dear Miss Shaw:

You, of course, received the telegram "Meeting over. Organization unchanged. All is well and work established," so that your mind has been relieved and you only wait explanations.

There were four very strenuous and uncertain days, but the control of the situation was kept in the hands of Mrs. Tinsley and the women of Sioux Falls and elsewhere who stood with her. Meetings were held of the voters for Women Campaign Committee, the Campaign Finance Committee, the Sub-Committee of Five, and the State Executive Board. Minutes of the Campaign Committee are being sent with this letter and the records of the other meetings will be sent as soon as they are ready.

It was a very difficult situation to handle when the various opposing elements were first brought together and the women deserve great credit, especially Mrs. Tinsley, and the general, and the Sioux Falls women who stood by her. The Jeffries faction--Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Broaden, Mrs. Waldron--came down to force Mrs. Johnson's resignation. The Headquarters people were inclined the same way thru a belief that she had been talking against the National and Headquarters and might be concerned in the dissatisfaction of the W. G. U. leaders over the present arrangement and their desire for a new convention. The W. G. U. women on the committees were also an element of uncertainty. Mrs. Tinsley and her backers were prepared to do what was best for the work, to preserve the Campaign Organization at all costs, and to permit no personalities, no unsupported charges, and nothing that did not belong properly to business relating to the Campaign to be brought up.

The result of the four days is that Mrs. Johnson is still in office, that various campaign work committees have been created, and the Finance Committee vigorously started to work. You will see by the minutes of the Campaign Committee that no charges were formally preferred and no question of the chairman's resignation brought up. All that was handled by private conferences. Mrs. Broaden talked at length to Mrs. Tinsley immediately on arriving, but brought no definite proof of her statements. Mrs. T. says it was mainly assertions, suppositions, and apparent personal bias. You know the accusations and there is no word of going over them. Mrs. Tinsley also talked at length with Mrs. Johnson. Her statements were in exact contradiction of the Jeffries faction, also unsupported by proof, and she made counter-charges against them of attacking the National. I was often present at the conferences with Mrs. Johnson, but never at the talks with the others. Mrs. Johnson also sought me out, but the others avoided me. The conclusion reached and acted upon was that whatever of truth there might be in the charges against Mrs. Johnson, and such seemed to be factional and personal jealousy, it would be fatal to the work to put her out now; and formal trial of the question would excite hopeless war.

Mrs. Johnson came down with her wife to defend her, and we understand intending to bring suit against the Jeffries people if they brought charges. They--she and she say--had threatened her with a public scandal of some sort, and said that the Sioux Falls women were prepared to publish charges of financial irregularities and treachery on her part; and had demanded her resignation. She claims personal persecution.

It was quite evident that personal spite and enmity were present in Mrs. Jeffries attitude. They were impossible women to allow to get the upper hand, and

asking Mrs. Johnson to resign would have sustained them, and heated a situation harder to handle than with Mrs. Johnson in office. The only thing possible was to hold tight to the present organization, emphasize the duties and powers of committees, the control of policy and work by them, and get everybody to working; and to put success before everything, leaving any personal matters until after the campaign.

Mr. Johnson was present at all meetings, but kept perfectly quiet until the last session, when as a member of the committee he was called on for opinions on work, etc., and made one or two motions. His personality and evident faith and belief in his wife made a favorable impression for her.

At the last meeting Mrs. Jeffries brought up the question of using the union label on our printing. There is no record in the minutes as it was ruled out of order as belonging to the sub-committee. I, by request of Mrs. Fairbank, explained the position of the National, whereupon Mrs. Jeffries rose and attacked me and the National for coming to this state to dictate and run things. It is a straw, but may indicate a real wind direction.

The real truth of events is not clear at present. It may develop slowly later. Everyone is determined to ignore it all unless future happenings require further attention be given it, and get to work, work, work. Mrs. Tinsley's opinion and mine is that Mrs. Johnson did some ill considered things when she went home, that factional splits with Mrs. Jeffries took it up at once, colored, and enlarged it.

Sustaining Mrs. Johnson in office was necessary to the preservation of the organization and the work, but does not mean that the Headquarters' people are satisfied with her as a leader. Her faults remain and are recognized, but the duties of committees and the officers relations to them were understood by all. She seems very unstable at present and prepared to co-operate properly. The Sub-committee is determined that proper relations shall be maintained and we all hope for the best. The control of all committees is with level headed devoted women and centered at headquarters.

Mrs. Johnson talked with me of what she had been thru. I told her plainly that she was partly to blame thru her failure to co-operate with headquarters, to ask authority for work, to send reports; that she gave them no opportunity to know what she was and what she was doing, so when a strong claim of circumstantial evidence proved her false to them, they had no knowledge and faith to break it. I told her that she must maintain close and proper relations with her committees, as there was no warrant that trouble would not come upon her again. It has been a terrible strain for her and has made an impression. Her nervous condition was such that forcing her resignation would probably have lead to a break down, and even possible mental trouble. That also had to be considered, as it would have been heralded over the state in the papers.

The W. C. T. U. situation remains to be adjusted. Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Bidwell, the W. C. T. U. women present are opposed to any combination of organization. They believe with us that it would be most unwise that we can co-operate in the field but must not be officially identified with each other. In view of the uncertainty as to just what has been passing, Mrs. Tinsley and I think it best for this organization to make no move at present as it would probably be misunderstood, but to go on with our work. Mrs. Thorp is going to talk with them and try to bring about an adjustment. We will have to "await occasions."

Mrs. Thorp called me to a conference with her in private yesterday and read a letter from Mrs. Simmons, W. C. T. U. president. They are angry at the National being of the opinion that it is responsible for not fulfilling the Aberdeen

resolution calling for a mass convention; that it does not want the old W.C.T.U. leaders reorganized simply because they belong to that organization but support the Jeffries faction; that it wants to run the campaign. They also do not like the refusal of this organization to call the mass convention now, or to put their officers in our headquarters. That is, they still want a combined campaign. Mrs. Thorp has no proof, but thinks that Mrs. Morrey, head of the Third Party Prohibitionists which the W. C. T. U. has endorsed, is partly responsible. He did write a protest to Mrs. Johnson when the convention call went out and neither came nor sent a delegate. Mrs. Thorp is in accord with our views and is going to try to bring them over. She thinks that they are sufficiently in earnest about suffrage to see that it is policy for the best good of the cause and not personality or a desire to wrest credit for past service from them that actuates this organization. She fears only Mrs. Smart, who is a trouble maker.

I enclose a copy of a letter sent out contradicting the National's responsibility for the convention as called.

I spoke strongly, for quotation, of my own recognition in the state of their past work, and the share it will have in winning the state, and of the praise given them by the present workers. I also stated my position as absolutely opposed to combined official organization, or identification of our votes for women campaign with the temperance issue. I said that of course it will be necessary to co-operate in the field as all along W. C. T. U. women help me, and the head quarters should be friendly and mutually helpful, but their franchise work should be directed by them separate from ours and be paid for from their franchise treasury. They can reach the temperance vote, so the others. Combination means opposition to suffrage, also of the anti prohibition forces, etc., etc.

Miss Rose Bower has been engaged by the Committee of Five to go out into the state to prepare the way for the organizer by her public meetings. She seems to do very effective work in the way of pledges and drawing an audience with her music and recitations. She is head of W. C. T. U. franchise work and asked to be allowed to remain so in order not to give more grounds for the W. C. T. U. feeling being avoided. Mrs. Simmons had told her she was free to engage with us if she chooses. This was granted, but she was told that she must, under no circumstances, use that office to help her in our work, nor refer to it. In her meetings now she is doing, as the Franchise Superintendent, purely suffrage work and talking no temperance at all. She cannot go out for us until March. I spoke strongly on the point of not allowing her to refer to her franchise position. She wished to use it to gain entrance to pulpits.

This, I think covers the situation and the minutes will help. If I have failed to write sufficiently at length on any point, please ask questions.

I hope that you will approve of the course pursued and that the National will stand by the campaign organization. The Headquarters' people are wholeheartedly for the work, and have had and will have a hard row of stumps. They are firmly loyal to the National and cannot see how they can go forward without its help. The Finance Committee now has an able and energetic head,--Mrs. J. L. White of Sioux Falls and is getting right to work. Under the circumstances of distrust and uncertainty between different factions, the Headquarters and the chairman, they have really done well. Mrs. Ursin is in the field. Miss Bower is going, and the Headquarters has been struggling with my routes, press work, state correspondence, trouble and inexperience

A state-press woman, Mrs. Anna E. Gilbert, of the Pioneer Register, Salem, So. Dak. was appointed but will have to hire some reporter to do her work if she takes this up. I hope that the national can pay her a small salary, enough to enable her to do this. State money will begin to come in soon, but cannot until the financial schemes are in operation.

Miss Shaw, may I ask a favor? Please don't speak of "Eastern Women" and "Western women." They do not like it at all out here, are sensitive to the tendency of Eastern tourists, etc., who criticize the West and feel superior. Even Mrs. Tinsley dislikes the phrase greatly.

I am optimistic about the outlook and ready to start cheerfully into the state again. We had a splendid meeting yesterday in one of the handsome homes of the city. About forty leading women were present and at the close all declared in favor of suffrage, altho few would join the association.

I go into the northern part of the state and expect to arrive in Aberdeen March 10th and 11th, when the mid-year W. C. T. U. conference is in session. Mrs. Thory thought it wise.

I watch for good news from the East constantly and especially for news of you. We wish you here and speak of it every day.

With loving respect.

(Signed) Parle Penfield.

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February 3, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

Your letter of January 31st is here. I perhaps did not explain to you that in sending my telegram to South Dakota there was a great deal of previous correspondence, and I know that what I said in my telegram was exactly what Mrs. Tinsley wanted me to say. She felt the unwisdom of putting upon the Board one of the W.C.T.U. women, particularly the woman suggested, because she is known to be very antagonistic to suffragists, and if she were put upon the Board would have created a great deal of trouble. Consequently, Mrs. Tinsley did not want her, and she did not feel that she could oppose her, unless she was supported by the National Association in doing so, and she just wanted to feel that we would stand back of her. You know from the telegram which she sent me that they have had their meeting. I have not as yet received any letter from her, but I suppose she has not had a chance to write.

Personally I do not feel that we can do a great deal for South Dakota, because we have not the people or the money, and they must depend largely upon themselves. However, I do feel that if we can we should see that Mrs. Tinsley's salary is paid, for without some woman at the head looking after things we might as well not try to do anything, and she cannot look after things unless her mind is free from financial responsibility in regard to her home. Miss Penfield and Mrs. Tinsley work beautifully together, and I think have done wonderfully well with the small means at their disposal and the antagonism which has created so much of the unrest and used up so much of their time which might otherwise have been given directly to the work. We are no longer paying Mrs. Johnson's salary; that was decided at the meeting in Sioux Falls when Mrs. Avery and I were there: consequently we can the better afford to pay Mrs. Tinsley's salary.

You have received a long communication from Mrs. Boyer; that means a fearful expense. Now the question is "How much is the National Association going to be responsible for, and where will we get the money?" As far as I can learn, Miss Gordon has not been able to secure any real effective results from her plan, which is a most excellent one and

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ought to bring in good results. Mrs. Upton does not seem to be able to raise much money either. And the question arises - "What are we going to do?"

Personally I am in favor of never again beginning a campaign in a state where there is lack of harmony among the local people. We might just as well throw our money in the fire and save ourselves from worrying. But we have got to stand by South Dakota in some way, and also by Oklahoma. I shall have to send a letter to the Official Board on this subject, and will not say anything more about it in this personal letter.

I fully sympathize with you in regard to going to Oklahoma, and so I am going to leave the matter to be settled between you and Mrs. Boyer, and the National will of course stand by any decision you may make.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

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Dear Member of the Official Board:

A few weeks ago Mrs. Page, of Boston, called at our Headquarters accompanied by Mrs. Jenks, of Concord, N. H., and recommended her as a splendid worker. Mrs. Jenks is a sister of Mrs. John E. Crowley, of Brookline, Mass, who is Chairman of the Legislative Committee of Massachusetts, and has the most initiative and push of any legislative chairman I ever know. She managed their big hearing last year, and is getting up a newer and more unique one for this year. Mrs. Jenks seems to have some of the same qualities of her sister. She has offered to go in to campaign work, and, if we are going to send any one to either South Dakota or Oklahoma, I feel that she would be a splendid worker from the little I have seen of her, but particularly from the recommendation and endorsement of Mrs. Page.

Now do we contemplate sending any one to Oklahoma in response to Mrs. Boyer's request as contained in the long letter which she has sent to the Official Board in regard to the situation there? If not, are we going to send another field worker to South Dakota and, if so, would you favor the employment of Mrs. Jenks?

I judge Mrs. Jenks is about 38 or perhaps 40 years of age; is fine looking; has a pleasant New England voice; is enthusiastic, and rather attractive. I think she talks a little fast and a good deal, but perhaps that was just in discussing suffrage work with me. She asked me the terms upon

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which we employed organizers, and I told her we first paid \$50.00 per month and expenses, and then if they made good, we afterward raised that amount. She seemed to be willing to accept these terms.

I am going to enclose a vote in this letter in order that I may know what to say to Mrs. Jenks, and any others who may make similar requests for employment. It does seem to me that we ought, as a National Association, to be getting hold of some of these younger workers. We have only Miss Penfield and Miss Gregg now whom we can count upon and, if we are to do anything in the future, we must have more trained organizers. I would rather let state people look after their own headquarters, while the National furnishes speakers for field work, than to pay for local headquarters and have no National organizers being trained. Will you let me hear from you in regard to this matter?

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

Sioux Falls, February 3, 1910.

Dear Miss Shaw:

You may not want all of these papers, but I am sending you a copy of them: 1, minutes of the convention of last November; 2, Rules for the Votes for Women Campaign Committee; 3, list of campaign committees; 4, complete minutes of the meetings last week of the Campaign and Finance Committee, the Sub-Committee of Five, and the State Executive Board; 5, Constitution (said to be incorrect) of the S.D.E.S.A.

The minutes for the November convention are poor. The secretaries appointed apparently did nothing, and all that were available were my own personal notes, helped out in spots with theirs.

These papers give fairly complete information of the present status of affairs.

The question seems to be getting somewhat lively in spots all over the state. In the Hills they are forming clubs without help and rendering us the lists. Headquarters are busy. I speak Saturday afternoon at a parlor meeting, Sunday night in the Presbyterian Church and leave next week on an extended route. Mrs. Thorp of Britton got the church; she is splendidly effective and has but one thought: "To win votes for the amendment." She is W. C. T. U., but has sunk that this year. She is trying to untangle those leaders, and the knee seems to be unswelling.

Mrs. Urain, the Norwegian speaker, is paying her entire expenses and salary from collections and doing splendid work. So far she has found those people cordial, interested, and if not already favorable, open to conviction. She is at present doing farm to farm work. She went to Mrs. Zellitz, who looks after her, an article in Norwegian on Bible evidence that was published in the Sioux Falls Postor, and which touches the Lutherans closely.

The work opens and widens every day. Money and workers is our only need. You will see from the minutes of the Finance Committee that money should soon begin to come in from the state.

I wish I could stay right here for a time. Sioux Falls is in condition

to be worked hard. Impossible tho.

With good hope and love.

Perle Penfield.

Dear Mr. Jones

I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are still so interested in the work of the League. I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are still so interested in the work of the League. I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are still so interested in the work of the League. I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are still so interested in the work of the League.

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I am, dear Mr. Jones, very truly yours,
Perle Penfield

Feb 3, 1910

My dear Mrs.-

On my return to-day to headquarters from an organizing trip, I was asked about my knowledge of the circumstances that led to the calling of a delegate suffrage convention last fall, instead of the one provided for by the Aberdeen resolution. I was in the state with the president, Mrs. Julius Johnson, at the time the call was decided upon and sent out, and was present at the meeting of the Executive Board which approved it. There seems to be a misunderstanding of the responsibility for the change, which I was asked to explain.

Mrs. Avery came to the state after the arrangements were all made, so too did Miss Shaw, and neither knew anything of them until after they arrived. The National was not consulted and gave no advice in the matter. Mrs. Julius Johnson was much opposed to carrying out the requirements of the Aberdeen resolution, fearing that it meant that the control of the campaign would pass into other hands than the South Dakota Equal Suffrage Association. When I arrived in Fort Pierre, September 4th, 1909, in response to her telegram, letters calling for delegates were already being sent out; and she had extended the same request in her speeches before different organizations during the summer. She consulted with me about the matter, and I gave my advice in support of what was done already and later.

My own information as to conditions in South Dakota was derived entirely from Mrs. Johnson after arriving, and from an interview with Mrs. Jeffries. No information, or instructions, or authority of any kind came to me from the National officers, except the bare order to come to the state and report to Mrs. Johnson.

Later Mrs. Johnson called a meeting of the State Executive Board at Huron during the Fair. Mrs. D. A. Scott and Mrs. H. E. Hendricks of Sioux Falls attended. At this meeting the convention was planned as held, according to her wishes and advice. I advised as she did. Judge Alva Taylor of Huron was consulted about the resolution and the nature of mass and delegate conventions, and can confirm this statement.

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I sincerely hope this will explain and correct any misunderstanding.

Faithfully yours,

Perle Penfield.

Sent to:-

- Mrs. A. M. A. Pickler, Faulkton.
- Mrs. Anna R. Simmons "
- Mrs. P. E. Johnson Highmore.
- Mrs. C. S. Thorp Britton.

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February 2, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

I am enclosing the result of votes lately returned. I am also sending out a vote in regard to authorizing Miss Gregg to secure a stenographer, according to her request in a recent letter. Of course Miss Gregg cannot be both in the field and in Prescott at work. I have asked her once or twice whether she has been able to secure some man to do the legislative work, but she has not yet ~~replied~~ replied. It may be, however, she has written me and I have not received her letter, as in a recent letter she states that she has lost a great deal of mail because she is traveling about by stage and all kinds of conveyances and the mail is rather uncertain over the mountains. There ought to be some definite action taken authorizing her what to do, provided Congress votes for the admission of Arizona this year, because there will probably be a very short time given them to arrange their constitution and do their work, and Miss Gregg should know just what is expected of her. I would like the opinion of the different members of the Board as to what help Miss Gregg should receive, and what particular line of work we desire her to take up; whether she is to go in to the field, remain at the seat of operations, or what she is to do.

Am also enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Harper, and a copy of my reply. I would like an expression of opinion from the Official Board as to what will be done in case Mrs. Harper refuses to continue to edit PROGRESS.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

Feb. 2, 1910.

RESULT OF VOICES RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD.

"Jan. 7, 1910.

Are you in favor of authorizing Mrs. Frances Squire Potter to open an account in the name of NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION with the EMPIRE TRUST COMPANY in behalf of the National Headquarters?"

ALL VOICE IN FAVOR.

"January 13, 1910.

1. Are you in favor of asking Mrs. Boyer to go to Oklahoma immediately whether the Amendment is voted upon at a special or general election?"

ALL IN FAVOR, EXCEPT MRS. AVERY AND MRS. STEWART, WHO DO NOT VOTE

"2. How much money shall we appropriate to the Oklahoma work if the election is a special one?"

SHAW: All we can raise - \$1,000. to begin with.
KELLEY: Five Thousand Dollars.
POTTER: As near the amount named by Mrs. Boyer as we can afford.
UPTON: \$5,000., including Miss Clay's loan of \$1,000.
CLAY: One Thousand Dollars a month.
BLACKWELL: As much as we can afford.

AVERY: Does not vote.
STEWART " " "

"3. How much money permonth if the Amendment is submitted at a general election?"

SHAW: Mrs. Boyer's services.
KELLEY: One Thousand Dollars.
POTTER: Again I follow Mrs. Boyer's judgment.
UPTON: \$250.00 per month; more if it can be arranged.
CLAY: One Thousand Dollars a month.
BLACKWELL: As much as we can afford.
AVERY: Does not vote.
STEWART: " " "

"January 23, 1910.

Do you vote in favor of purchasing two machines - one for the use of the President's office and one for Headquarters?

ALL IN FAVOR, EXCEPT MISS SHAW AND MRS. AVERY; NEITHER ONE VOTING.

LEWIS, 1921

My dear Dr. Shaw;

I have your letter and also one from Mrs. Belmont, and you will forgive a joint answer, I know, as I have a lame writing arm. I am more than sorry that I cannot grant your request to use my influence with the State Federation in Oklahoma. When I became President of the General State Federation I saw that the absolute and hopeless lack of solidarity would soon disintegrate the organization. Every State and every club, at least for the most part, went its own way, and there was no cohesion nor loyalty to the parent society. I preached and prayed for four years for "team work", for marching under orders, for faithful following of leaders. There has been wonderful gain along that line, and wonderful results from such centralization. May I say here, that the same lack of training in obedience and fealty has been at the root of any failures made by the women of the four states having the franchise. How often I have wished that we had had organization twenty years before we were given the ballot!

For these reasons it seems most inconsistent and unfair to my successor that I should use my influence now to divert any state from the work prescribed by the new administration. As I view the matter, Mrs. Moore must advise and undertake the new work and I shall be most happy to help her in anything she may project. No matter what my inclination or desire, it is my obligation above all else to practise the doctrine I have preached and to "keep the faith" I have so often advocated. We are keenly alive to your wonderful campaign. Carry New York and the thing is done. She is the standard and the rest of us do not count.

I answer avalanches of letters and inquiries. With my heartiest wishes

Sarah S. Platt Decker.

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approved by a majority of the votes cast in such election. Any measure referred to the people by the referendum shall take effect and be in force when it shall have been approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon and not otherwise."

She then adds - "If submitted by the legislature it is a referendum vote."

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of Mrs. Boyer's optimistic letter in which she, as usual, seems to see a very fine political situation. I really hope the situation does exist, because if the Democrats are anxious and afraid of us, I see no reason why we could not succeed there.

Miss Anthony and I would be willing to pledge \$1,000. of Miss Mary Anthony's money toward the campaign in Oklahoma, provided it succeeded and the measure was carried; or we would loan it to the Association to be repaid if the measure was not carried. We make this stipulation because in one of her letters directing us in regard to the use of any money which she might leave Miss Mary Anthony said if it was to be used in a campaign she wanted it to be used where the campaign would win, and so we have decided to use that \$1,000. in some such campaign, and will leave it to the Official Board whether or not they will accept it upon these conditions for Oklahoma.

You will also find enclosed copies of letters from Miss Fenfield, so that you may have some idea of the result of the meeting in Sioux Falls.

I am sorry to say that there is some difficulty arising between the New Jersey people and Mrs. Mackay's forces over the organization in New Jersey, and this has been giving me some uneasiness during the past week. I hope, however, that matters may come out all right again.

Faithfully yours,

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Annie H. Shaw
(Per E. M.)

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March 23, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

I have sent a request to Mrs. Upton to draw up a note and send it out immediately for signatures. Some how or other I got it into my mind that I had signed a note some time ago.

Thank you for your decision to speak on the Sunday program for fifteen minutes. Today we are finishing up the program arrangements and we are very glad to get the title of your address.

Yes, my health is continuing to improve. I feel quite like myself again, and am sleeping very well.

What a shame that your School Suffrage Bill was defeated! I am glad, however, that you have a Co-Guardianship of Minor Children bill through. Somehow I feel that every time we make it easy for women it makes it harder for us to get the suffrage, for they keep saying - you see men do all these things without women getting the ballot, so what do we need the ballot for? Still I suppose we will have to keep pegging away.

It looks now as if we were going to have a very full convention.

With sincere regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

Lexington, Ky.

March 19th, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I see from the answer to votes sent out that a majority of the Board has voted to borrow \$1000.00 from the Btrace fund even for a general election in Oklahoma. So I have been expecting every day to receive the note, which has, I believe, been drawn up according to Mrs. Upton's wishes. She writes me she would like to have the money; but I do not think I can send it with propriety (Business) until I have the note signed. Will you please let me hear from you about this?

I observe that I have never given a definite answer to the invitation from the Program Committee to give a fifteen minute speech on the Sunday afternoon of the Convention. I now write that I will do so if I am still needed. Of course I know that the Committee may have made other arrangements by this time; so it will be all right with me if I am not on the program. If I am still needed, however, you can set me down for a brief speech, on the subject "An Element of Character".

I hope your health is continuing to improve.

Our Ky. E. R. A. is rejoicing over the passage of our Co-guardianship of Minor Children bill. The whiskey interests defeated the School Suffrage bill of the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Very cordially yours,

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March 11, 1910.

Dear Member of Official Board:

The vote in regard to Oklahoma is so divided and there are so many "ifs" in it that I really do not know what to write them. A letter received from Mrs. Boyer this morning says that their case is still before the Supreme Court and they do not know just what will be done, so that the probabilities are that nothing definite will be done until after the National convention. It seems to me that as there are so many complications, it would be better for us to wait until we meet at our Official Board meeting in Washington before we decide the matter as to just exactly what will be done ^{by the National} perhaps by that time we will have more definite information as to what they are going to do and when the vote will be taken. If this is your opinion, I will make this statement to Mrs. Biggers. If, however, you feel that something should be done before then, I am ready to put out any form of vote which you think is necessary. Personally, I would be wholly at sea as to how to vote. There is one thing, however, which I am determined upon as far as I am concerned, and that is, I will not vote to borrow any more money for campaigns. I believe we should assist the states, but we are not under obligation to assist them to the extent of borrowing money to do it.

The last sheep has returned! I have just received a letter from Mrs. Katherine A. Hoffman, of Enterprise, Kansas, who says - "I am the newly elected President of nothing, but in name Kansas Equal Suffrage Association, and I want to know how to get back in the National Association again." So we will probably have

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Kansas once more in the fold. As far as I can learn, they have done nothing since they went out, except to allow what little organization there was in the State to die. I do hope it may be revived, for certainly after so many years of municipal suffrage it ought to be possible to get full suffrage for women in Kansas if there is cooperation in the State.

There is a plan on foot to have a world's fair in New York in 1913, and one of the members of the board is a relation of Miss Anthony, and a good suffragist. He came to see her a few days ago and suggested that an application be made to have women upon the regular board of directors, and asked us to suggest names and we have been doing so; we are hoping that this committee will have a hearing before the Official Board before long. These women are agreed not to accept a separate board of managers, but to insist that women shall be put on the main board; we will see what the result will be.

Some time since Mrs. Boyer sent the manuscript of the bibliography to Mrs. John Dewey, wife of one of the professors in Columbia University, who agreed to take it up and see what she could do with it. Mrs. Dewey found it not at all what she considered the best kind of a thing for us to get out. She had hoped that she could interest the College League, but did not succeed; they want to be doing what they call "practical work" and so are not willing to take up the bibliography. I asked Mrs. Dewey to write a letter stating exactly what she thought could be done with it and send the letter to me and I would forward it to the members of the Board, so later you will hear directly from her.

I have just returned from the Hearing at Albany. It was a very good one, and the Antis did better than I ever heard them before anywhere. It is very doubtful as to the result, but at least the members of the Committee listened better than usual.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw

Encl.

Mar. 11, 1910

Result of votes sent by the President to
Members of Official Board.

January 22, 1910.

"Do you vote in favor of purchasing two machines - one for the use of
the President's office and one for Headquarters?"

All vote YES, with the exception of Miss Shaw,
who does not vote.

January 26, 1910.

"1. Are you in favor of borrowing \$1,000.00 from Miss Laura Clay to be
used in the Oklahoma campaign, provided the Amendment is sub-
mitted at a general election?"

SHAW	YES
AVERY	"
KELLEY	"
UPTON	"
CLAY	"
BLACKWELL	"

STEWART - "I think this can be decided at the time
of the convention. But if it cannot wait
for better knowledge of our assets - I
will vote Yes."

POTTER not voting.

"2. Are you in favor of paying the deficiency in Mrs. Tinsley's salary?"

All vote YES, with the exception of Mrs. Potter,
who does not vote.

February 2, 1910.

"1. Are you in favor of Miss Gregg employing a stenographer?"

All vote YES, with the exception of Mrs. Potter,
who does not vote.

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"2. Are you in favor of Miss Gregg remaining at the seat of Statehood work and some one else be secured to look after the bill?"

AVERY YES

KELLEY "

UPTON "

CLAY No.

BLACKWELL "I would leave that to Miss Gregg's own judgment, as she is on the spot. She seems to think Mrs. Munds could do it."

SHAW - STEWART - POTTER - not voting.

"3. If not Miss Gregg, whom shall we appoint to look after the Bill?"

SHAW - "Miss Gregg and Mrs. Munds."

AVERY - "Cannot suggest any one. Here's where a man would be effective if we could get one for any sum we can afford."

KELLEY - "Someone selected by Miss Gregg."

STEWART - "I think Miss Gregg had better have this in charge."

UPTON - Not voting.

POTTER " "

CLAY - "Let the officers of the Arizona Campaign Committee decide. I would approve of Mrs. O'Mail."

BLACKWELL - "I do not know how to vote on this."

February 3, 1910.

"1. Are you in favor of sending an organizer to Oklahoma in response to the request of Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mrs. Biggers?"

SHAW - "Not until we know more of the plans."

AVERY - "No; if our question comes up for a Special Election, there is no time for organization."

KELLEY - "Yes, if we can send one from the middle West; no New Englander or New Yorker."

POTTER - "I have not seen Mrs. Boyer's letter; cannot judge."

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STEWART - "NO"

UPTON - "Yes, if any one can tell how to pay her."

CLAY - "No, I prefer aiding the home speakers, of whom I understand there are several; unless we can send a speaker well known to us."

BLACKWELL - "YES."

"2. Are you in favor of maintaining headquarters in Oklahoma since the Amendment is to be voted on at a general election?"

SHAW - "Not by the National Association."

AVERY - "This is my first word that the matter had been decided, and even now I feel that the word 'since' must be an error. If we have lost our chance at the Special Election, I favor pulling out of Ok."

KELLEY - "YES"

POTTER - "Cannot judge"

STEWART - "No, I had not heard it was decided to submit at general election. If so, we had better concentrate on South Dakota."

UPTON - "Yes, if any one can tell how to pay for them."

CLAY - "YES."

BLACKWELL - "YES".

"3. Are you in favor of sending literature to Oklahoma and, if so, how much?"

SHAW - "As much as we can spare."

AVERY - "If we still have the chance at the Special Election, send \$100. of literature."

KELLEY - "No, it should be printed there."

POTTER - "Yes, as much as we can afford."

STEWART - "\$25.00 worth at present."

UPTON - "\$100.00 worth."

CLAY - "As much as they wish of any which we are printing or have in stock."

BLACKWELL - "All we can afford."

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"4. If no organizer is employed in Oklahoma, are you in favor of asking Mrs. Jenks to go, provided the Oklahoma people desire her?"

SHAW - "NO."

AVERY - "If the Oklahoma people will pay her; not otherwise. Should prefer her for S.K."

KELLEY - "NO."

POTTER - "No, unless Mrs. Jenks has had experience in the West or South. I prefer a Western or Southern woman, recommended by Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Figgers, Miss Glay or Miss Gordon."

STEWART - does not vote.

UPTON - "Yes, since we have gotten some monthly pledges, and I think I can raise between \$200. and \$250. per month for this purpose."

GLAY - "No, I think it unwise to send a stranger to that field."

BLACKWELL - "NO."

"5. Are you in favor of employing another field worker in South Dakota? One field worker in a state like South Dakota is merely a drop in the bucket."

SHAW - "YES."

AVERY - "Yes - send Mrs. Jenks."

KELLEY - "Yes, if we can send a Westerner."

POTTER - "YES."

STEWART - "YES."

UPTON - "Yes, if S. D. women want it."

GLAY - "Yes, one known to us."

BLACKWELL - "Yes, if they want one and we can find a suitable one."

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"6. If you employ another worker, do you wish to employ Mrs. Jenks on the recommendation of Mrs. Page, if the South Dakota people desire her?"

SHAW - "Yes, and Dr. Aylesworth."

AVERY - "YES"

KELLEY - "NO."

POTTER - "I prefer a Western woman to be recommended by S. Dakota itself or by Mrs. Stewart."

STEWART - "YES."

UPTON - "I know of no one whose opinion I value more highly than Mrs. Page's."

CLAY - "Yes, if they make a request for her; not otherwise."

BLACKWELL - "NO."

February 7, 1910.

"1. Are you in favor of engaging the Belasco Theatre in Washington, for Sunday afternoon, April 17th, at a cost of \$200.00?"

SHAW - Does not vote

AVERY - "Yes, unless we get the Arlington ball room that day free."

KELLEY - "NO."

POTTER - "NO."

STEWART - "NO."

UPTON - "YES."

BLACKWELL - does not vote

CLAY - does not vote.

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"2 Are you in favor of engaging the Arlington ball-room, provided we have to pay for it?"

SHAW - does not vote

AVERY - "NO."

KELLEY - "This depends upon the price."

POTTER - "Yes, if price is small. I am now in favor of keeping all prices down; and, if possible, to have all meetings in same place."

STEWART - "YES"

UPTON - does not vote

CLAY - does not vote

BLACKWELL - does not vote

"3. Are you in favor of taking the Arlington ball-room, if we can secure it free, rather than the Delasco Theatre?"

SHAW - "YES."

AVERY - "YES."

KELLEY - "YES"

POTTER - "YES."

STEWART - "YES."

UPTON - "I think so, though I thus vote because of expense only."

BLACKWELL - "YES."

CLAY - does not vote.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

March 4, 1910.

Dear State President:

The program for the National Convention is well under way and, according to the vote at the convention in Seattle, each State President is to be given time on the program for a short report; the time allotted is three minutes to those states in which there has been no legislative work, five minutes to those in which legislative work has been done, and ten minutes to the states where amendment campaigns are pending. This time may seem wholly inadequate, but with a large number of states to report you will see that it consumes much of the time of the day sessions and, when we add to this the reports of the various committees which are continually increasing in number, very little time is left for general discussion of the work of the Association. According to the vote above mentioned, the Presidents are to use their discretion as to whether they will make a report or use their time in making an address. I make this announcement to you now so that in preparing what you have to say you will know how to condense it and keep within the limit of your time. A great deal can be said in a short time if it has been carefully thought out.

The first Executive meeting will be held at eight o'clock on the evening of April 13th at the Arlington Hotel, which will be our National headquarters. We hope that there may be a full attendance so that the business can be sifted and arranged ready for the convention. It is earnestly desired

that any plans of work or suggestions which the states wish to make, or any new business which they may desire to introduce, may be presented in writing, so that the members will be better able to discuss the subjects.

From what I can learn we are to have full delegations and a most interesting convention. The personal value, however, will depend wholly upon the spirit in which we come. If we come in the spirit of helpfulness to try to add what we can to the general interest of the meeting and do our best to manage the work systematically and concisely, there is no doubt but great good will be accomplished and a very successful year's work planned and ourselves be greatly benefitted.

We expect to have a most interesting day when we shall discuss the various methods of holding and conducting out-of-door meetings and, as our convention comes in the spring, it is hoped that every state will take advantage of the growing interest in such meetings and utilize every possible occasion for doing so the coming summer. This is a cheap as well as popular method of propaganda and one in which many different people can take part so that there is work for every one of us if we choose to do it. Those who have been successful in this method of propaganda the past few years will give their experience telling us what things to avoid and what things to do in order to bring about the best results. The Industrial Day will be one of great interest, as will also the College Day and Sunday, when we hope to have Jane Addams with us.

Two members of the present Official Board have declined to stand for reelection; Mrs. Florence Kelley, and Mrs. Frances Squire Potter. Mrs. Kelley feels she has so little time from her regular work to give to suffrage that she will best serve it in some other capacity, and Mrs. Potter's health and family responsibilities will not permit her to remain longer Corresponding Secretary.

to State President

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The President of the United States has consented to give greetings and be with us on the first evening of the convention.

The great Petition will be presented to Congress on the 19th, when we will have our Hearings before the Senate and House. We hope that this will be the climax to the most successful convention held in our history.

To facilitate the preparation of the Minutes for the coming year each State President is requested to furnish the National Corresponding Secretary with a copy of her report prior to the convention. During the time that the headquarters were in Warren the National Treasurer who edited and published the proceedings was hindered by the failure of the State Presidents and Committees to hand in their reports either before or at the time of the convention. It is the intention this year not to hold back the minutes for reports, and if any do not appear in the minutes, the blame will rest wholly with the member who fails to present hers to the Corresponding Secretary.

Trusting that each State President with a large delegation will be present, and that you will come with your reports prepared just as you desire to have them published, I am

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
(Per E. M.)

Warren, Ohio, March 25, 1910

Dear Member Official Board,

I am copying a portion of a letter received today, the 25th. from Miss Shaw. I feel very badly to think that she would think that for personal reasons I would refuse to pay this \$3 00. It is pitiful to me and yet I do not see how I can pay money which is not voted.

"Dear Harriet. It is very difficult for us to put our selves in each others place, but I have been trying very hard to be fair and just with you as Treasurer. I have sent you every dollar of money which I have taken in without subtracting or deducting my office expenses, in order that the money should go in both ways through the treasury. I have tried to make it as easy as possible for you. I have raised as much money as I could and I think I have not done bad piece of business in that line this year, and in every possible way I have helped. So when I take the stand I do in regard to sending out that vote in regard to the salary of my stenographer, I am taking it upon principle, and I believe you are wrong in the position you have taken. If you are right in the position you have taken in regard to me, then you are wrong in the position you took in regard to Headquarters. Now you know and I know as well as we know anything that when we make our estimates at the National convention it is not a hard and fast rule; we simply estimate that things will cost so and so. We made ~~our estimate~~ estimates at Seattle in regard to New York on the advice of Mrs. Kelley. In not one single instance was her advice correct. Everything cost more than she stated and, as I told you before, that when I said to her, it was impossible to get a stenographer for \$15 00 per week she said in the most light and indifferent way, as if she had said nothing else, - "Of course not, if you want an experienced stenographer." So that when we got a stenographer for the Headquarters we had to pay \$18 00 without any vote being sent out. You have sent the \$18 00 regularly to the Headquarters and without question. We paid more for the desk we bought, for every chair we bought and for everything else, the estimate of which was taken at Seattle. Now just why you should hang on my stenographer and on nothing else is, or would have been until this winter, beyond my understanding. If I were to do as they do in Headquarters, deduct my expenses from the money I take in and send to you, I could have paid myself over and over again. I can do so this month, but I would much prefer to have it come direct from the treasury, just as the salary for Headquarters stenographer does. That you should insist upon this one thing and the only thing connected with me in the finances of the association except the money I am sending in to the treasury should be done differently from what you have done in regard to every payment and everything else would to

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March 25, 1910

Dear Miss Shaw,

It was a long time after you opened Headquarters before I knew how much was being paid for clerks and who was receiving the money. I used to send a check in a lump and finally one day Miss Peck in a letter explained that the reason she was paying \$18 00 for one clerk was because you told her that Mrs. Belmont had given you the \$3 00 a week and you told her to hire the \$18 00 girl for that reason. This quieted my conscience as far as paying the Headquarters stenographer because I supposed that the general treasury was paying her only \$15 00 a week. As I said above, I sent lump sum checks from here, but you will remember that you sent me no statement of the Headquarters accounts until after the New York meeting. At that meeting you stated that you had supposed all the time you were in charge of Headquarters and had acted accordingly. When this question of paying stenographers came up and Miss Peck referred to this money donated by Mrs. Belmont, you said that that money was not for Headquarters stenographer but for your own stenographer. This disturbed me somewhat lest the treasury had been paying more money from Headquarters than had been voted. When, however, I came to add up what had been paid for clerks, some of the time you had fewer, I found it amounted to about what had been voted at Seattle. I therefore determined to start afresh the first of the year. Before I had written to the Board about this, Miss Peck wrote saying that she supposed she would have to let her \$18 00 girl go because of that vote. In the meantime, you had sent for Nicolas to come to New York to straighten out the accounts with which you had to do. When Nicolas had worked on them a little time, she wrote to me that you were very nervous about them and that anything I had to say in regard to them better be said to her. I had intended asking you to put out a vote in regard to this, but acting on Nicolas' advice, you still being in the sanitarium, I wrote the Business Committee asking them to instruct me what to do. Somebody had to act. I couldn't pay money that I wasn't instructed to pay. It occurred to me that without troubling you and thereby following the advice of your nearest friend, that the Business Committee could advise me and then we could act on it formally in Washington. A majority of the committee voted that the time was so short that we probably would get more for our money to keep the girl at \$18 00 and that when we got to Washington I could have this matter voted on. In other words, they morally stood back of the payment of three dollars. I will admit that if this had been any other question, I should have disregarded Nicolas' advice and written you about it, but since it involved the Headquarters secretary which meant Mrs. Potter and Miss Peck back of it, I knew it would trouble you.

My stand in regard to your clerk hire is exactly the same. Fifteen dollars a week was voted to your clerk hire and that is all I am at liberty to pay. I would be so glad to have you get a vote from the Business Committee a majority of whom would certainly vote for it.

Is it possible that you who have worked with me all these years could for a moment think that I as Treasurer of a great association was not sending you \$3 00 a week clerk hire for personal reasons? It seems to me you must consider me a very shriveled up soul.

In regard to the Potter account, I am acting as the minutes direct me to. That is, as I see it. But of course if the rest of the officers interpret that matter differently and instruct me to send you Mrs. Potter's account and let you pay it, I will do so. I am really and truly trying to do my duty as I see it.

Cordially yours,

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April 1, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

The first meeting of the Official Board will be held at the Arlington Hotel at 9:30 on the morning of April 12th.

I regret to say that a letter received from Miss Blackwell a few days ago states she will be unable to be present with us. It will be the first National convention which I have attended for more than twenty-two years without Miss Blackwell being present. I am sure we will all greatly miss her. Miss Blackwell's letter states she is improving in health, and that the doctor simply thinks it would be unwise for her to attend the convention at this time.

I hope the members of the Official Board will come with a list prepared of subjects which they desire to have discussed so that we may group them and make the work as concise as possible.

Trusting that you may be able to be present at the hour indicated, and that we may have a helpful convention, I am

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw