

Woman Suffrage Association
— And —
Indian Women's Woman Suffrage League
Of Oklahoma

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

Oct 2 1908

Dear Mrs. Upton:-

Am much worried about the work that ought to be done to elect Mr. ~~makwixxx~~ Stull in Garfield County. He is a suffragist. His opponent is Mr. Ellis, and it was Ellis who led the fight in the legislature at the time Mrs. Catt was in Oklahoma. Ellis is a fanatic. He boasted that he would talk against woman suffrage at the time of the Constitutional Convention, but although he kept quiet on the floor, he voted against us. I think Owen influenced him to keep still. He may also have thought it prudent not to be too aggressive because of the Labor Union vote. He is a Union man, strange to say. One of his political assets is his pair of horny hands. They are horny all right. We cannot afford to have Ellis elected. His opponent, Stull, has a fair chance to make the election. Garfield is a Republican County. It is entitled to three representatives. At the last election the vote stood 2904 Republican and 2365 Democratic, for Congress. The gubernatorial vote was 3237 Republican and 2219 Democratic. So you see that Stull has a good chance, but we must not trust it wholly. There are several other counties with like conditions.

Now I am going to take my life in my hands and ask if you will not PLEASE let us have Miss Gregg for the two weeks just preceding election? If she could go into two or three counties it would perhaps mean the victory for the Referendum. I hate to ask this, but the work ought to be done, and I do not see how I can possibly leave the headquarters at this juncture. We need work now in the close counties. I wish you could read the letters that come to the office. Gracious but a candidate is tame before election; And patronizingly haughty afterwards! Here are two letters taken at random:

" Broken Arrow, Tulsa Co. I will appreciate any help you may be able to give. You are well aware what kind of position a candidate is in. He must not promise everything. Have received many letters from different organizations, but yours is the only one I have answered. Trusting you will understand my position, and I assure you that any assistance you may render will be appreciated. ****W.F.Taylor"

" Pryor Creek, Mayes Co. I answered you frankly my endorsement of woman suffrage. ***I am in a desperate conflict but expect to win. I wish to know my friends. What way have you to reach my county for good? ---P.Avery."

In your letter of September 14, you say you will let me know about the work necessary to attend to Ellis, but as you have not said anything since about it, I fear you may have forgotten it. We have

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Local women who have promised to do what they can in various counties. This is a partial list:

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| Mrs. E.V.Cribbley -- | Pawnee County |
| Mrs. M.A.Morrison | " |
| Mrs. Addie Wilcox | Oklahoma 2nd District |
| Mrs. Margaret Hunsinger | Garfield County 1st " |
| Mrs. Ella Caldwell | Comanche County |
| Mrs. Clark, Jawton | " |
| Mrs. A.W.Holland | Kiowa County |
| Mrs. Sue Uhl Brown | McIntosh County |
| Mrs. Emma Miller | Logan County |
| Mrs. N.M.Carter | " |
| Miss Margaret Rees | " |
| Mrs. A.W.Bennett | " |
| Mrs. Lucy Bell Davis | Muskogee County |
| Mrs. Lillie M.Allen | Caddo County |
| Mrs. Feuguay | Lincoln County |
| Mrs. Straughen | " |
| Mrs. Lila Lindsay | Tulsa County |

In this county of Oklahoma the local club is at work, and Mrs. Biggers will attack the candidates in her county of Stephens.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Three Republican congressional candidates have declared for us. McGuire of the First District, Creager of the Third and Hackett of the Fourth. McGuire is sure of re-election. The present congressman in the Third District impolitically reflected on the Roman Catholics and the negroes. This will probably mean the election of Creager, since Davenport won by a very small majority last time, - 2748. The vote in that district was Republican 23,624 against Democratic 26,371.

The Fourth District is pronouncedly Democratic, so I do not think Hackett has the ghost of a show. His only hope will be the great reaction against the Democratic party brought about by Haskell's methods. Haskell is daily losing ground. Hearst is making great inroads in the democratic ranks. I think Bryan will hold the national enthusiasm, but there will be a slump in State politics. The Republican U.S. Senate candidate, Dennis Flynn will probably be kept off the ballot so as to leave the field clear for Gore.

The Oklahoma women will do effective work in their respective localities, but they do it as a side issue, and it cannot be left to them in the close counties.

I did hope to get to the Buffalo Convention, but it seems perilous to leave the work here just preceding the election. Will you please give me some definite instructions in your next letter? Am I to close the headquarters here Nov. 1st?

Mrs. Jaskey and Mrs. Dunham are preparing to attend the Convention. My yearnings and thoughts will follow them.

Sincerely

Ida Porter - Boyer

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October 5/1908

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Boyer, copy of which I herewith enclose. She wrote me some time ago in regard to going into Garfield County, and I tried to talk the matter over with Miss Gordon when she was here, but she was so driven with the program work, and I so broken up by the Ohio convention program going to pieces, that we did not have time to finish that business.

Of course Mrs. Boyer will have to know whether she is to work for Mr. Stull or not before our convention meets, and we cannot therefore leave this matter to be settled at Buffalo. Please send your reply to Miss Shaw.

I am simply sending out this letter to save time, for it really ought to go to Miss Shaw, she being chairman of the Organization Committee.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 2nd, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I know you will hear with sympathetic sorrow that my sister's husband, James Bennett, passed on from this life on Friday, Oct. 30th, at his home in Richmond, after a long illness.

I have carefully read the copy of the minutes you sent for examination. I discover no mistakes; but the type-writing is indistinct in some places, so I will correct some of them, as if they were mistakes. The Asso. had \$18000 to appropriate.

In general, expenses were estimated, and no items were voted except where from the nature of the expenditure we could be sure what the cost would be, as in salaries, etc.

\$550/00 was the estimate of the Buffalo convention, including speakers.

\$800.00 was estimated as Miss Gregg's expenses.

Voted to re-employ Miss Chase at \$75 and expenses, when she could work outside of New Hampshire. \$60.00 for salary and no expenses while working out one month at her own distribution of time in New Hampshire.

\$300.00 was estimated for Miss Penfield's expenses.

\$800.00 was appropriated for the monster petition.

My motion regarding Oklahoma expenses was to pay Mrs. Boyer's personal expenses, and the headquarters expenses at the rate of the former \$60.00 per month for the first week in November. I do not think the minutes make the motion clear about the headquarters expenses. The salary was voted by the Ex. Com. and needed not to be discussed in Business Committee.

In was not mentioned in Convention when the pledges were due. I suppose any time before next convention; but I ~~would~~ wish you would mention when you expect them to be paid in your next letter.

I hope your father is in his usual health. Please give my regards to him and to all in the office.

Very cordially yours,

Warren, November 2/1908

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Mrs. Alice L. Park, Palo, Alto, California, suggests that we display a suffrage map on our letter-heads, showing the enfranchised States, and she is willing to contribute \$1.00 towards the making of a cut. Let me know as soon as possible what you think about this, as we must get out our new stationery.

You will remember that California (or some of the officers) has felt that the State has given too much money to the S.R.A. Fund, and that it therefore ought to have something in return. Mrs. Sperry came to the convention expecting to ask for money, did not pledge anything for the year's work, and came to the R.C. meetings twice to state her wants, but each time we were so busy she ~~did not~~ decided it was inopportune, and so requested me to bring the matter to your attention later, which I promised to do. Miss Shaw and Mrs. Sperry will be in Denver a few days together, and I hope will have an opportunity to talk it over.

In 1907 California paid \$251.00 towards the S.R.A. Fund; in 1908 (to date) the State paid ^{315.00} ~~\$309.00~~ towards the Fund, \$24.00 of which was for Self-Denial Week; and Mrs. Keith paid \$505.00 of her own money to the S.R.A. Fund. So the State of California is credited for the year 1908 with \$820.00. In view of the fact that California is such a large State, this sum of \$315.00 from the State treasury (after deducting Mrs. Keith's) does not seem large, particularly since California has not pledged a cent for this year. On the other hand, they raised in their convention, by pledges, \$1240.00 for the State work. Mrs. Keith is going to give her money this year--\$50.00 a month--to the work in California. When Mrs. Sperry has so much

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money, also many of the other California suffragists, it does seem too bad that they should expect us to pay some of their State bills. Still, I have learned that it is better to give out a little money and maintain good feelings than to hold off and create ill feeling.

Miss Shaw will probably put this to a vote, and I am explaining so that you will be prepared to vote on the question.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

Warren, November 5/1908

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I hope you all read carefully the Minutes sent you. One member writes that the amount of \$800. reported by Miss Blackwell as being the estimate of the expenses of the B.C. at convention should read \$550.; also that the paragraph regarding Oklahoma and Mrs. Boyer is not plain, that we were to pay Mrs. Boyer's salary, her personal expenses and her Headquarters' expenses until the end of the first week in November. I think we all understood this as including both Headquarters and personal expenses. If anyone does not, please report to me, for I wish to make notations on this paragraph when the Minutes are pasted in the scrap-book. One paragraph of the Minutes says Headquarters is to attend to books for prizes and all other small things, without consulting the members of the B.C. We have been out of suffrage stamps for a short time, but receive a few orders now and then. As they cost \$75. for 10,000, and we cannot get less than this amount, I do not feel like ordering without consulting you. Shall I order 10,000 at \$75.; shall I wait until later; or shall we give up keeping them?

You will remember we have talked about having certain exhibits to advertise our cause, and the matter was turned over to Mrs. Kelley at Chicago, but she said afterwards that she had had no time to attend to it. I have a letter to-day from Paris, written by a Frenchman, who says he has traveled from the Chinese border to the outer edge of England, taking pictures as he went for moving picture shows; that he was in London at the time of the suffragette parades, and asks if we would like to buy copies of these pictures for our work in America. He gives the price in Russian money, and we are not sure that we have it right, but think it is \$50. He says it takes seven minutes to run it, which

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is about the time it takes for the ordinary film. I have written him that if we could get the right kind of picture of the suffragette demonstration in England, we might possibly take it, and asked him to give me the exact cost to us in American money, with any information he might have regarding duty, and whether he is willing to let us have one on trial before deciding to purchase. Of course we don't want to buy a suffragette film if it is not going to be a credit to our side; neither do we want to send money to a stranger for something we know nothing about. In case the price is as low as \$50., and the pictures are satisfactory, does it seem wise to you for us to have one. Please give me your opinion as soon as possible, that I may know what to write him.

We have had a poster in each of our ten windows for a week, and they have attracted much attention. The notices from the press clippings show they have attracted general attention also throughout the United States, but people here who have made any criticism say that if they had fewer words the effect would be better. You remember we discussed this question in the B.C. meeting, as to whether we should say "Can Vote For President" and nothing else. Our friends here are of the opinion that if they read "Vote for President in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, Why not in Ohio?" they could have been read from all sides of the park, and would have been more effective. I mention this because if we are going to do poster work in the future, we ought to profit by experience.

Cardially

Harriet Taylor Upton

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November 5/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

I was very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Bennett. When you were here, you told me how long he had been a sufferer, and of course I knew the end must come soon. Please convey to Mrs. Bennett our most sincere sympathy.

I think everything in your letter, regarding the Minutes, etc., is clear. I do not know whether or not the Minutes make it clear in regard to payment of Headquarters' expenses for the first week in November or not, but I remember distinctly, and you spoke of it so many times I could not forget that.

It does not matter when the convention pledges are paid. People will be at liberty to consult their own convenience. You see we have some money on hand now, and are not so pinched.

Cordially

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 6, 1908.

Dear State President:-

Please give this letter your earliest attention.

AGE OF CONSENT.

I have been trying for sometime to procure for Headquarters certain information which would be ready for persons who are now writing for periodicals and magazines of all kinds. I began to collect statistics in regard to the age of consent. After careful consideration some of the General Officers thought that we could not take time for this kind of work, so I stopped. Today, a very influential person has been asked to give this very information to the Largest Weekly in the United States, and writes here for it. Will you, on the enclosed postal, tell me what the age of consent is in your state, and return the card immediately.

PROGRESS.

I am so anxious to increase the value of Progress that I am writing to ask you to carefully look over the field in your state and send me any items of state interest each month. These items must reach me by the fifteenth of the month. As it is now, local people send in items and I have to use what I get and the general work is not emphasized. I would prefer that you do this. But, in case you cannot, will you not delegate someone to do it. We are progressing at such a rate that I want Progress to keep up with the procession.

Cordially yours,

HTU-K

Harriet Taylor Upton.

Warren, Ohio, November 9/1908

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

For the past year, Mrs. Susan Thurston Cooper, of Connecticut, has been urging us to try to get money from Mr. Rockefeller, as I have reported to you before. I have never had any faith in it, but now another woman (who does not want her name known) asks if we would take money from Mr. Rockefeller if he would give it to us. That is and has been the real question: Do we want his money? Would it hurt the cause? Would the Labor people object? There is no use trying to put it off any longer.

Of course, there seems little chance of our getting anything. Still, with things coming our way, we never know what might happen.

Respectfully

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 9th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

In answer to your recent letters, I reply seriatim:
MAP ON STATIONERY. I do not think such a map would look well, and the advertisement of the suffrage states would not be worth the sacrifice of appearance.

Suffragette Slides. I am willing to trust our judgment about this; and I will vote as you do. Same about suffrage stamps.

PROGRESS. I will cheerfully send in such items of news as I think you can make use of.

Age of protection/ I sent an answer on your card, in which I stated that the age in Ky. is sixteen years, having been raised from twelve years to sixteen by the legislature of 1906, without any other change in the law except putting 16 for 12. Our law is good and well executed.

HONORARY VICE)PRESIDENTS. I have no additions to make. Let the Ky. list stand as it is.

KY. REPORT. Mrs. Roark tells me she has sent it on.

I have received the check for my railroad expenses to Columbus from the Ohio W.S.A., for which please accept my thanks. I am enclosing it, with the request that you put the amount to the credit of my individual pledge given at Buffalo.

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November 12/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find receipt for \$9.50, which we shall apply on your individual pledge given at Buffalo.

I thank you for answering all my questions at this, your busy time, and do hope your convention will be a good one. After that splendid meeting at Buffalo, it seems that all the State conventions are showing vigor and growth. I was glad Mrs. Hornbrook, of W. Virginia, went, because she took back much enthusiasm, and I hope at last the State is on its feet.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU.-R.

Warren, Ohio, November 13/1908

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

We did not decide at Buffalo whether we would have the sub-committees which we have had or not, and if it had been decided this letter would only have to go to Miss Shaw and Miss Gordon.

CONNECTICUT: Mrs. Bacon, president, writes a long letter, telling of a Mrs. Ella Reeves Bloor, who has been appointed chairman of a new department on "Women in Industry" created at their recent convention. Mrs. Bacon says Mrs. Bloor has had a great deal of experience in public speaking, is forceful, magnetic and attractive; did a good deal of speaking in the recent campaign for the Socialist Party; is liberal in religion, recently filling a Universalist pulpit in Conn. She (Mrs. Bloor) is going to make an effort to organize women in industry, and held a meeting last Sunday evening in Hartford. Mrs. Bacon sent invitations to a long list of working women, not many of whom came, but those who did were much interested, and a future meeting was arranged for December 1, when they hope to organize a Political Study Club, which will be auxiliary to the State. Mrs. Bacon would like to engage this woman to work in Conn., and wonders if we would be willing to make the same offer to Mrs. Bloor (salary for two weeks) that we made them for Miss Chase and later for Mrs. Day. You remember we have had a good deal of negotiation with regard to work in Conn. Mrs. Bloor has gone to Phila. to visit her children, who are self-supporting, and will return to Conn. a little later for work. Mrs. Bacon is quite pleased, because Miss Emily Morgan, a wealthy resident of Hartford, niece of J. Pierpont Morgan, contributes the use of a very pleasant hall for these meetings of working women. Miss ~~Hart~~^{Morgan} seems to like Mrs. Bloor, and has promised to secure some members. I almost felt tempted

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to tell Mrs. Bacon that she could employ Mrs. Bloor, and to go on with the negotiations; but as Miss Shaw has been so constantly in the field and not at her desk to catch up the many things which are troubling her, I felt a little delicate about taking the responsibility. Mrs. Bacon writes more encouragingly about the work than ever before to my knowledge. She says the Y.M.C.A. had secured Mrs. Snowden for a speech, and she (Mrs. Bacon) was invited to sit on the platform, but when they learned that she had met Mrs. Snowden the Secretary asked her to write up something about her for the papers and also to preside at the meeting, which she did, and says it was a great success, and that the Conn. W.S.A. has benefited largely by Mrs. Snowden's lectures. I know Miss Shaw will think it all right for you to give me your opinion in this matter, that Mrs. Bacon may hear from us at an early date. Poor Miss Shaw is perfectly worn out with her Western trip and all the conventions connected with it. Miss Gregg said when she left her at Lincoln, Miss Shaw was fairly in tears; she has had so many receptions and other things that are hard to do when one is carrying conventions and trying to make speeches.

WASHINGTON: Dr. Eaton writes (Mrs. DeVoe has not yet reached home) that she and the other workers are very anxious to have decided some things regarding the Washington work; that they can have a ^{booth} ~~booth~~ at the Exposition, and Mrs. Jarmouth, the woman who has made such a success of posters, dodgers, house to house canvass, etc., is very anxious to make this a center of attraction. The Doctor wonders whether we would consider the paying of a National representative for that booth for the six months the fair is open, provided the State agrees to furnish one worker for the same length of time. She is also very anxious about the organization in the State of Washington,

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and they are going to secure a list of people in the State who will work without compensation except actual expenses. Miss Shaw will of course send out a vote on this matter later.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Senator Vessey, who espoused the suffrage cause and led the discussion on our amendment successfully through the Senate last session, has just been elected Governor of the State, and Mrs. Pickler writes that they are all delighted, for he really belongs to them. In a letter from Mrs. Fitch, she says she visited at Speaker Chaney's over Sunday, and he will support our amendment and give valuable advice and help.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Boston, Mass. Nov. 15/1908

Dear Mrs. Upton:-

"In duplicate copy of the closing Executive Committee meeting that I mailed you yesterday, an important sentence was left out, i.e. that after the vote on the 4th recommendation from the Business Committee, all the other recommendations were accepted.

And, in the Minutes of the convention, I left a blank for the Constitutional Amendment and Mrs. Steiner's Resolution, both of which I enclose.

The third section in the amendments was the only one on which there was a count.

(Signed)

Alice Stone Blackwell

Buffalo, N.Y., October, 1908

WHEREAS, the text books used in our schools and colleges do not show a proper recognition of woman's work and influence in the history and development of nations; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the N.A.W.S.A. instruct its Committee on Education to investigate the matter with a view to securing the publication of unbiased, complete and up-to-date textbooks, especially in history and civics, and to report the result of the investigation at the next regular meeting of the Association.

(Signed)

Pauline Steiner

(Copy of Dr. Woods' letter)

674 W. 14th St.,
Des Moines, Ia.,
Dec. 1, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Upton:-

I wrote to you the other day about seeing if they had a 2/3 Democratic Legislature. Now, for the rest of the story: There is an editor here by the name of Rhinehart, rank Democrat, who has been turned out of his job by the selling of the "Tribune" to the "Register". He is a surragist and was willing to do suffrage work here. The proposition was voted down on account of his being a man and so very much of a Democrat. On the last account, they were rather wise here, I think. But is he not part of our Arizona opportunity, if we have any? Allow some one woman to go, as I did, and appear to be doing it, while he works the Democratic combination to win, over the Governor's veto.

They say he is moral. I met him but once, so only know that he is bright and a good talker. You could get all information concerning him from the women here. He is a manly man. He would have to convince the Democratic leaders that it would return Arizona to the Democratic fold. To me, he and the general situation are about the best thing I have caught sight of for years.

I am writing with a splitting headache, but I want you to know as early as possible.

~~Frances Woods~~

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Frances Woods.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 9th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

You will see by the heading that I am now in Lexington, where I wish my letters to be directed till further notice.

I am enclosing an account of our state E.R.A. convention which I wrote for a local paper; but it seems about as good as anything I could write for you for Progress; - of course, you must cut it down to suit your space. The list of officers is about the same as before, so you can copy the old addresses for your roster. The great point in our convention, we think, is the recognition both dominant parties gave us as "prospective voters".

Please send me some of the official stationery as soon as it is printed, as I am entirely out of both paper and envelopes, and do not care to have them printed myself.

Please refer to Miss Shaw's letter to the B.C., of date Nov. 25th, page 5, and note what she says about adding the word "National" before "organizations" in the amendment to the constitution which carried. She says this amendment to the printed slip was made by the Convention. If her memory on this point is correct, there is nothing to be said against its insertion as she advises. But if there was no such amendment, I must protest against its insertion, both as unauthorized, and because I think it interferes with the usefulness of the amendment. The danger of having too many small organizations joining the National is fully guarded against by the provision that none can be admitted without the concurrence of two thirds of the Executive Committee; and to put this restriction on hampers us in the enfranchised states, and in states which have

not made it possible in their constitutions for state bodies to become auxiliary to the states, and through them to the National. I saw that the necessary change was made in the Ky. E.R.A. constitution at the convention.

I am all at sea as to what is being done about the Washington headquarters. I have received two notices to vote about them, without any information why this sudden action was taken, reversing, as it does, the decision at Buffalo to do nothing more unless some outside help was obtained. I trust in the instructions not to do too much correspondence you are not omitting necessary notification to all the official board of important information they must have to vote intelligently or at all. Without more information than I have had on this subject I was unwilling to vote at all; I do not know whether the failure to send me information was at your office or the President's. In either case, I feel that I have been deterred from performing a part of my duty as member of the board.

You may be interested to know before the vote is announced that I voted against reconsidering the Buffalo vote to send Miss Gregg among endorsing organizations, to try to obtain their affiliation as members of the National; and even if this vote is reconsidered, I voted against sending her as a lobbyist to S. Dakota. We have now five states where it is possible to have amendments submitted this winter. With this abundant prospect of campaigns before us, I think we are not in need of helping any state to get a submission by sending in a National worker. We want first those states where the women are able to take the lead themselves. I was surprised at its being suggested in the case of S. Da. after the helplessness of the women in Oklahoma, a territory so short a time ago, was urged as a strong reason not to work there any longer. I am perfectly bewildered to find that some of the most important decisions at Buffalo are being set aside without any formal reconsideration or even notice to all the members of the Board. If you are in possession of information how and why this is being done, I shall be truly grateful if you will pass it on to me.

I trust your father is in his usual health. Please remember me to all in the office, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

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December 11/1908

Dear Miss Clay:-

Thank you for sending account of your State convention. It is too bad Progress is not a weekly, because such news gets stale by the time the monthly comes out.

The official stationery has not been printed, because we voted to have a list of Advisory members inserted, and Miss Shaw has not yet had time to decide the matter. We waited for this until we are entirely out of paper, and now we shall have a small ^{quantity} ~~amount~~ printed without the list, so you will receive a package before long.

I read very carefully what you say regarding the word "National" and the amendment passed at the convention. I shall refer to the Minutes when I get home, for the copy is at the house, and shall ask Miss Blackwell to look over her original notes, so that we shall have it correct. I do not remember what the spirit of the convention was, but Miss Shaw seems to feel that it surely passed. I see your point very clearly, and it seems to me it would be safe as it is left.

I am about as shady on the Washington headquarters' matter as you, and have sent out no letters regarding it, but Miss Shaw wrote the B.C. under date of November 26, saying Mrs. Avery and Miss Garrett had gone to Washington to see about Headquarters, telling us what ~~the~~ they asked per month, about a Mrs. Bradley for housekeeper, etc. Then on December 4 Mrs. Avery

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wrote the B. C. about their visit to Washington, with a description of the house, the rent, the housekeeper, what funds were available for this purpose, etc. Is it possible you failed to get either of these letters? Perhaps in your absence from home, there may have been so^{me} delay in your getting all your mail. I am writing Mrs. Avery, and shall tell her what you have written me.

I was so useless during part of the convention, that I do not feel like depending upon my own memory in regard to anything that happened.

I am wondering what you think about the New York anti-suffrage meeting, and the big suffrage meeting which followed. My, how things are booming! We have received more clippings in the last two or three months, I believe, than in the year preceding. Last night, I had a lap-full of reports of this New York affair. It really is great, - pictures, snapshots of our workers, and of the meetings. To be sure, some of them are dreadful, but it shows that people are interested.

Cordially yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

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December 12, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,

I am quite troubled about what you wrote me in regard to the word National before the word organization in the amendment. The truth is, with the strained condition in the Business Committee, it is harder to work than it ever has been and it is harder for me to be just and impersonal than it ever has been in my life before. Miss Shaw thinks that the spirit of the convention was for the word National in front of that amendment. She thinks it was voted. Miss Blackwell has no account of it at all in the minutes. She simply says the amendments were taken up. She does not say that any of them passed or any action was taken. Her minutes are the most imperfect we ever have had, but of course I am not saying that to anybody else. I am only explaining it to you thinking maybe together we may work the matter so that nobody's feelings will be hurt. The truth is Miss Blackwell reads some at night and works on the copy for her paper at night and she is so sleepy in the day time that she goes to sleep and forgets part of the minutes. She had more temptation at this convention than ever before because of her mother's large picture; she sat behind that and slept many hours. No one in the living world could have edited her minutes for printing but myself I believe, and I could not have done it to save my life if I had not been here in

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Headquarters where all the information is and where Mary and Elizabeth are, both of whom were in the convention. It is the hardest job I ever have had. For instance, she left out the entire question of our raising the money. The last thing she has in that session is "Miss Gregg addressed the convention on Our Real enemy. No mention of the money in any way. *even less \$10,000* Of course the official minutes ought to have that carefully recorded and a pledge list ought to be attached. Now since this is true all the way through, I know if the matter of this word National is brought up that things will be hard for Miss Alice. I see your point and I think it is a just one. If Miss Shaw is not too tired and things are smooth I think I can manage to talk to her on Monday and get her to agree not to put it in. Still, she is so sore because I voted for a compromise on the Oklahoma business that I have lost a good share of my influence. It seems that the fellow who compromises is the fellow who gets criticised from both sides; and whereas I believe absolutely that we are throwing away our money entirely in Oklahoma, that Mrs. Boyer is the most extravagant worker we have ever had anywhere any how, at the same time I felt that the majority of the convention wanted her and wanted to continue the work in Oklahoma, that it was not going to be such an awful expense as it had been and that if we dropped it now, the other side would say all their lives that we had that splendid chance and lost it. I was so surprised too to have you bring forward that southern aspect of it when I never had thought of Oklahoma as a southern state and the question of the south

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had never entered in, that that added to my belief that the compromise was right. Anyway that is over, although the scar it left will be here for many days. Of course I know you will not say anything about the minutes or anything and that you will understand exactly why I have mentioned it. Let me know whether you still believe that if the minutes do not say the National was added, that it ought not to be added.

Cordially yours,

Harnet Taylor Upham

189 N. Mill Street,

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 14th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am sorry that my protest against the addition of the word "National" before "Organization" in the amendment to the constitution has caused you worry; for I realize that my protest should have gone to Miss Shaw herself first; and I should have so sent it except she had written she was on the eve of leaving home, and I thought the matter required despatch. When Miss Shaw's letter referring to this came I was just ^{coming} home to Lexington, with my papers much in disorder from packing, and other things demanding imperiously my attention. My own memory did not recall any amendment of the printed slip, inserting "National". But I do not trust my memory. When I had time to hunt up my copy of the minutes I found no record of such an amendment; and I felt it my duty to call your attention to what I thought a correct procedure. When we have satisfactory evidence of what the Convention voted, it is plain that that will settle the matter ~~authoritatively~~ authoritatively; and without arousing opposition from any party.

If the minutes and other evidence does not permit the insertion of "National", I have intended as soon as time permitted to write to Miss Shaw why I think the amendment without the word is much better for our purposes. I suppose Miss Shaw herself had not a copy of the amendment with her when she wrote that as it is worded it would expose the N.A.W.S.A. to a flood of undesirable little associations; for the amendment expressly provides that none shall be admitted except on a vote of two thirds of the Executive Committee concurring. This gives us complete protection, as it seems to me; and at the same time makes us perfectly free to go to work in the enfranchised states, the states where there is no organization, and

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the states which have not altered their own constitutions to admit other associations; in fact, leaves the National perfectly free to go ahead and push the increase of its membership by the plan which carries more hope of a large membership than anything which has ever been presented to the Association. I intended to point out these things to Miss Shaw in answering her request in that same letter to point out any plan which could be made to work successfully in the enfranchised states. When I made my mention that Miss Gregg should be detailed to work up these large bodies for membership I certainly did expect she would have the widest liberty possible to approach all desirable organizations; and inserting "National" would defeat to a great measure any such liberty. I have written to Miss Shaw that I am not in favor of sending Miss Gregg to South Dakota as a lobbyist, both because I do not advise sending a National worker into any legislatures except of territories; and because I think S.D. has enough sentiment in its Legislature to pass the submission if its friends think it can win before the electors; and if it cannot, it is not worth our while to push it when there are four other states where such a bill will be asked for this winter; and if two or three succeed those states will require all the money and more which the National can raise for campaigns, without taking Miss Gregg from the work of getting members. If we are to have campaigns next year and in 1910, no preparation can be better than to add many thousands to our membership, in organizations whose machinery we can reasonably hope will help us as they never have done heretofore.

I shall send a copy of this letter to Miss Shaw.

Cordially yours,

Dear Miss Shaw,

This letter is answer to Mrs. Upton, who answers a clause in my letter to her of Dec. 9th, in which I say: "Please refer to Miss Shaw's letter to the B.C. of date Nov. 25th, page 5, and note what she says about adding the word "National" before "organizations" in the amendment to the Constitution which carried. She says his amendment to the printed slip was made by the Convention. If her memory on this point is correct, there is nothing to be said against its insertion as she advises. But if there was no such amendment, I must protest against its insertion, both as unauthorized and because I think it interferes with the usefulness of the amendment." *of the amendment*

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 14th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have written about the amendment on another sheet, which I hope will make matters easier for you. I do not intend to persist to the point of raising friction, for I think there can be another amendment next convention, which is only seven months off. But I give it as my opinion that it is a ticklish matter to change in the Business Committee any thing upon which the Convention has voted, especially one so important, advertised months before, and discussed very thoroughly. If there are persons who gave this amendment the thought it deserved they will be very apt to notice a change which alters the entire possibilities of ~~the~~ it.

I am sorry you think there is any strained condition in the B.C. I have no such feeling, and it seems to me that I have had the hardest time of any one. But I suppose each has that feeling when our best thoughts are pushed aside, and we have to yield our most cherished plans. All we can do is to remember that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, and be patient. All is working so much for our cause now that we can afford to be patient.

Yes, I received the letters of Nov. 26 from Miss Shaw, and of Dec. 4th from Mrs. Avey. What I am at sea about is, How came it that such a vote was put out, after our decision in Buffalo that we would not undertake it with the funds we had? Has any one offered to help with money? If so, who is it, and how much is given? Surely we are not to set up another Headquarters with the small sum we have. I do not understand it, and have been hoping for some explanation. In the meanwhile, I have not cast any vote about it.

I have not seen the notices of the big meetings, as I do not take N.Y. papers, but I shall go to the Library, and look up the accounts.

Don't feel badly because we cannot all agree on all points. We are doing the best we can; and things are coming our way with our efforts, so it seems we are showing some corporate wisdom.

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December 19, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,

I have had a letter from Miss Blackwell. She says that the word National was not put to vote in the convention but that somebody on the stage called attention to the fact that the copy which Miss Gordon sent to the Woman's Journal should have contained the word Warren and that the matter was discussed a little, no one disagreed and that it went by consent. As I told you before, Miss Blackwell's minutes simply say, "The consideration of amendments was then taken up." Miss Shaw says that this thought was hers, that it was talked over at Moylan, that she really originated it, and that when she saw the word National was not there, she it was who explained to the convention and that she knows it went through. Therefore, I think we will let it go that way in the minutes. She says it must be formally considered at the next convention. She also says that we intended to make some provision for societies in the enfranchised states and that this will interfere somewhat with that, although not as much as it might seem. She says the truth is that she talked with Mrs. Platt-Decker about this when she was in Denver and that Mrs. Decker, said the only club that was worth joining our association under this clause was the Colorado Federation of Clubs and that no action could be taken on that until next September. Mrs. Decker thought if Miss Shaw came out to Colorado and spoke to the

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Federation explaining matters as she had to Mrs. Decker that the action might be taken. The only other clubs which would probably join without any trouble are the clubs which we do not want, the clubs of Mormon women in Utah. She thinks therefore no harm will be done by inserting the word National and so, as editor of the minutes, I will do that.

I do not understand very well the Headquarters proposition either. My understanding of it was that Mrs. Garlin Spencer proposed an elaborate plan which would cost perhaps three or four thousand dollars a year, that we were to have a fine statistician in these Headquarters and were to make them a force in National legislative work. Miss Thomas, who is very astute, caught this idea, but she knew we had not money enough for it and she did not approve of our going in with the Federation of Clubs, and all that, on the ground floor, but rather that the suffrage association should make the start and that these other forces join us. She therefore said that if the \$1600. was not used for another purpose, that the Trustees would vote to have it go for the Washington Headquarters, and we voted \$500. in addition. I myself was a little surprised when I found out that Miss Garrett and Mrs. Avery had gone to Washington and made the arrangements for the renting of these Headquarters, but when I learned that the proposition was to move National Headquarters to Washington sooner or later, I realized that there were other things that we did not understand probably that the Thomas Garrett fund another year would be used for such Headquarters. I felt that I was not the person to say anything about it, and that in view of the criticism

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which Headquarters got at Buffalo that I could not help but have some feeling about it and so I did not ask anything about it. In the meantime, both you and Miss Gordon have inquired and Mrs. Avery has written you. She sent me a copy of that letter but it was written on the wrong side of thin paper which had the letter head and a long list of names on it, and this fact, together with the poor carbon paper, made it illegible. I have returned it to Mrs. Avery asking her to send me another copy. Of course we know that whatever is done will be for the best, but I myself am opposed to people planning things and getting them all ready to execute without consulting the person interested. You will remember that I said in a Business Committee meeting that if any officer was not acceptable to the rest of the Board, I thought that officer ought to be informed. It is very distasteful to me to have my ^{official} affairs being talked over without my knowing anything about it or having any chance to explain. I think a goodly number of people feel that Miss Blackwell is an incompetent recording secretary, and I think in that case they ought to tell her so, but to at the last moment try to put her off the Board without any notice at all seems to me perfectly awful. I cannot imagine myself in such a place as that without being absolutely broken hearted. But then I am a kind of a silly thing.

Cordially yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

December 16, 1908.

Dear Member of the Official Board;-

Miss Shaw spent yesterday in Warren and one of the letters we read together was one of Dec. 10th. from Mrs. Boyer. We thought the other members of the Board would be interested in it, and I am therefore copying it for you.

Muskogee, Dec. 10, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton;-

I had a three weeks trip home. Seems like a brief dream. Am now doing field work in the eastern section of this State. The important part being to "set" the women to persistent work on their newly-elected legislators. Incidentally to stir up petition work and get hold of our club dues. Am taking this portion of the State first because it is the hardest and most discouraging. The major part of all our State work has been in old Oklahoma-- the Indian Territory was practically untouched, especially in the south-east/ From now until Jan. 1st. I shall be on the wing trying to reach as many counties as possible. After Jan. 1st. my address will be Guthrie. ***** This is a big state-- larger than Penna. and Ohio combined and no one seems to stay in the same place two consecutive years. People are chasing around after homesteads, or oil fields or some like frivolities. The people who have made money are frantically climbing after social position; the poor are sordid and grasping, There is nothing settled or permanent. All is feverish and self-centered.

Sincerely yours,
Ida Porter Boyer.

Yours very truly,

Harriet Taylor Upton.

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 29th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

We are very late in collecting our Fayette E.R.A. dues this year; but I think we will have a good increase over last year.

I am enclosing my check for \$7.50, in payment for 75 more members too late to send through Mrs. Shepard. Please receipt to her, however; Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, 31 East 12th Street, Covington, Ky.

A happy New Year to you and all in the office!

Cordially yours,