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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

Dear Friend :-

My apology for not writing you before is that I only recently returned to my office in Washington, where I found a mountain of work awaiting me.

It is very gratifying that we may all rejoice together over the great victory in New York. It means so much to us all, in every part of the country, for in that victory we cannot fail to recognize that we have really gone over the top as far as the suffrage war is concerned and that we now have back of us a sufficient force in the states where women vote to give to the Members of Congress who are our friends the support which they have felt they needed in passing a Federal Amendment. Now we can unite in asking them for such action at this Congressional session, with the assurance that they will not be deterred by the fear that such action on their part may not be in accord with the will of a majority of the people of the country, since New York has three more Members of Congress than all the other suffrage states together.

I want to thank you for your kind thought of me in the midst of this victory, which is a personal one to me, as I am a legal resident of New York and therefore a full-fledged voter. It is true that I have devoted the greater part of my life to securing woman's enfranchisement, and it has been a service which has brought great compensations in the friendship and support of the vast body of splendid men and women with whom the work has brought me in contact.

Again thanking you, and rejoicing with you in our success,
I am,

Faithfully

Anna Howard Shaw

P.S.- The poem is beautiful. I enjoyed it so much.