

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

Office of the Treasurer

Warren, Ohio, Jan-9" 1911

Dear Miss Clay:

Will take out commission
next time for got it this -
The note about literature not being given
away had nothing to do with ^{Miss Stoddy} refusing
to give us the histories. She and Lucy
have given away a good many, beside
here in Warren I have 5 tons of them -
You will have thought when she knows
how much Elizabeth has given to the
National - how I worked 17 yrs without
a cent of pay and at first did all
of her work under mine as well that -

she would have been glad to have given
Ohio 1 copy of the History particularly
as it was to go to Toledo whose club
has met regularly since 1869 - It is
this quality of little news which has been
Mrs. Shaw's undoing and which has
brought on the present condition -
Well we must all try to help just the
same for the cause is greater than
the woman.

I am awfully anxious about the finances -
I am greatly troubled that counting in the
dues and the pledges there has only been
collected a little over \$5000.00. There is some
reason and I can sur-think it is the ex-
pense of Headquarters. You see the asso- has
only \$2.00. out of the \$12,000 of the Thomas
Garrett fund for \$8500.00 goes to Mrs. Shaw -

Jan. 9, 1915

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\$12500.⁰⁰ to Mrs Bennett \$1,000.⁰⁰ to Mrs
Ashley and \$3000.⁰⁰ to College League -
Mrs Catt writes that Mrs Belmont for
some reason threw up the chairmen
ship of the N.Y. Bazaar & to our Mrs
Mills hands - and someone told me
Mrs Belmont was going to stop work
next year - you see she is a spoiled
rich woman -
Well if we can keep the ill feeling
out of Ohio I shall be glad - I keep
perfectly still but it seems some

of the W. C. T. U. women have
know of early trouble and speak of it
freely -
Is it it-funny how things turn out -
Interest is going every day - also - Every
body is working for nothing but the
money is going to come hard - If
I only could do that alone - but the
organization is in my hands & I
have to keep speaking at nearby
places & this takes a day or two
each time -

Cordially
Harriet Taylor Upton

Jan. 17, 1912

Care
hardly
went
for
her -
she is
couch
and
help -
I am
making
like a
beaver
but am
so well

giving me two weeks for
breaching the office and begins to
mom - I
I have
to go -
I have
to go -

Dear Miss
I am putting all my
business affairs in order and
although I told you not to send
my commission till next inter-
esting paying time I guess I will
change my mind -

If you did not pay me commis-
sion on the \$60.00 just sent that
will be \$1.20 & if you did not pay
me commission on the \$45.00 that
will be .30 so you will owe me

\$1.50 -

I have been going over
my accounts & getting things in
shape because this presses harder
every day and so things will have
to go - Our Farmer Institutes

are great successes, we are hav-
ing fine hearings and getting res-
olutions - I have gotten one of

the most prominent men in the

county - a good suffragist - to
run for constitutional convention -
now if we only had a Women
Club in every County -
I have not decided whether to
try to raise all the money in Ohio
or to ask every where - I thought I
would wait - at any rate till after
Dec 15th so as not to mix with
draw from the S. B. Anthony
Fund -

Jay! would it not be great - if we
could win - You see it - is just
the right time - both parties
are without much organization
or any leader - and all the allied
forces of labor are longing for us -
Thank Heaven, there is harmony -
real harmony too -
I have spoken three times in Cleve
land lately - Miss Parkhurst did us
good there - Well I'm leaning a
little on you - Haniel -

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Jan. 17, 1913

Warren, Ohio.

Dear Miss Clay - your letter just here -
I thought I took out the % from the
last ck. my stub said so. I do not
remember about the \$60.00 because I
sent you the ck he gave me and
did not deposite & remit my own
as is my custom -
I was delighted with your letter - thank
goodness for your bull dog nature -
It is so common - I can not -

be thankful enough that you
kept all the labor man-
what I ought to do is to go to Cin-
cinnati & start things but I can
not leave father in the first place
and I am so cowardly when it
comes to fights - Sen Stevens is
bound to lead here I understand
& has organized a woman suffrage
party with two planks suffrage &
temperance - Mrs Stinson is much
worried about it.

Ans. Jan. 23. 1911. Sent
\$1 $\frac{2}{4}$

Hastily
Nannet

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 17th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I want to tell you of the banquet in Cincinnati, given by the College Suffrage Club. I was invited to be the toast mistress, and Mr. E. L. Hitchens, representing the Ohio Federation of Labor, sat on one side of me, and Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, the guest of honor, sat at the other side. I found in conversation with Mr. Hitchens that he had an idea of the Labor people, the suffragists, and any other allied interests, should all join forces to push the Initiative and Referendum through the Constitutional Convention. I impressed him as strongly as I could that individually I would not hold back the Woman Suffrage effort to win for one second for all the other measures combined. He argued the question at as much length as the time before the speeches allowed. Therefore I think it worth while to write to you about it. Fortunately the little speech I had prepared dwelt upon the point I have so often talked about to you, - that is, that the weakness of our movement has been that we had nothing to offer the politicians for their support; and I brought out the fact that now we had another great state, and the women voters had organized the National Council of Women Voters that very day in Tacoma, this weakness was overcome. I actually believe my presentation of that phase of the situation had some effect upon Mr. Hitchens; for in his speech which followed mine he did not mention subordinating the issue of Woman Suffrage to the Initiative and Referendum. Mrs. Potter made a speech which was very fine on the abstract view of pure democracy; but not of much effect for a campaign speech. Miss Emilia Watts McVea, Dean of Women at the University, made a good suffrage

speech. She is a fine woman. The other speakers made short speeches. Mr. Elliott Pendleton declared he was for us; and I learn that his being an editor makes his help valuable to us. The newspaper report is not correct, as some of the speakers mentioned were not there. Mr. Bigelow was sick and could not come. Mrs. Battenwieser did not speak. Dr. Myers was not there. Dr. Martin Fischer was not there. Prof. Giltner, of Covington, Mr. Pendleton, and Dr. Samuel Allen made short speeches. I did not hear of any plans for the campaign being discussed; but it was late before the speeches were over. It was a delightful occasion; but I am principally pleased that I went because I think my speech and that of Miss McVea were the only ones which indicated that a campaign was on; though Mr. Hatchens' was not very much out of line, and I imagine that my determination helped to keep him from breaching his idea of making the Initiative and Referendum supreme.

I made a mistake in saying you had not taken out the commission from the check you sent me. I never looked at the check until I went to cash it, and then found it was for \$14.70. You will see when it returns to you.

I think it would be an excellent plan to follow what was done in Seattle, and that is, - keep up almost a distinct campaign in the big cities, especially Cincinnati. I hardly think Dr. Siewers is popular enough to interest everybody. I was the guest of my niece and her husband, Prof. Harris Hanceck, of the University of Cincinnati; and both of them admire Miss McVea very much. Certainly, I was impressed with her both as a strong woman and a charming and efficient one. I do not know whether her duties as Dean will allow her doing much campaign work; but if she can do it in Cinn. I believe it would be in good hands.

Don't think I want to take any thing upon myself of giving advice about the Ohio Campaign; but I feel that I know you well enough to tell you any thing which comes under my observation.

Please remember me to Mr. Upton and your father, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

OFFICE OF THE
FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON
CHAIRMAN

Warren, Ohio, April 3rd, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Please send me the note which you have of Mr. Schultz. He wants to pay it. I can re-invest it all right. He has sold one place and is going to put up another. He is a Lutheran Minister and I think he is better at real estate work than at Ministry. I have been wanting to write you a long gossipy letter but father is in delicate health and my time is taken up so much with him that I feel that every moment must go to the Ohio suffrage campaign.

I know you will be pleased to know that our last Rector asked me to take our bible class. It had gone all to pieces. The first Sunday I had one scholar, if I remember rightly. The second Sunday I had three. The number increased every week. Yesterday I had 38. I have been helping to build up the church and I find that my experience in suffrage work has helped me greatly.

Always cordially yours,

HTU/C

Harriet Taylor Upton
Per J.

Lexington, Ky.

Marahx April 5th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I was so glad to hear from you in your letter of April 3rd, even if it was started as a business letter. I have that Schultz note deposited in Richmond, and I am now in Lexington. However, I am going back to Richmond in a very few days, and will attend to sending it to you at once. I shall be glad to have you re-invest the money.

I am really very much interested in the fact that you are teaching the Bible class and that you find your suffrage experience useful to you in it. You say your last Rector; has Mr. Cook gone? and who is your new rector?

Now I am going to tell you of some church work I am doing. I have for a long time thought it would be useful to the Church if women would be eligible to be elected deputies to the Diocesan Council. In our Diocese women vote in the parish meetings and are eligible to be elected to the vestry; but not to the Council. On Epiphany, Jan. 6, the Woman's Auxiliary had a sort of social meeting, to which the Woman's Auxiliaries of the neighboring counties were invited for mutual conference and encouragement. We had several short addresses, of which mine was one. I hope you are interested in the subject enough to care to read my little address, of which I send you a copy, which you need not return. It was agreed by Bishop Lewis W. Burton and several of the women interested that I should make this address on this subject, though the Bishop does not much like the object of it. However, he promised if a petition was offered at the Council he would use his influence to see that it had fair

discussion and was not "pigeon-holed". The outcome is that I am to have a half-hour at the Council, which meets the last day of May, in Frankfort, and speak to it, to present a memorial, asking for the change of the canon, so as to make women eligible to be elected deputies to the Diocesan Council. We are not trying to have them made eligible to the General Council, as that is not a diocesan matter, and anyway, the time is not ripe for it. The memorial will be signed by only a few of the women, for the Bishop is fearful that a general circulation of such a petition would call forth a counter petition; for now, as always, there are some very worthy women who oppose a change. Is it not wonderful how little trust women have in their own sex?

Now I am telling you all this, since your activity in the parish work, wondering if you would be interested in trying to bring about such an agitation in your own Diocese? Not that I would urge it at all, particularly at this time, when you have so much on hand; but the idea may appeal to you.

You will be glad to learn that the National Board at last voted to pay Mrs. Boyer the whole of her claim, and the money has been sent to her. The Oklahoma people have urgently asked the National Board send her back to them for the summer months; but our treasury will not admit of the expense. I rejoice at least that the Oklahomans are not sitting down in despair, but are preparing to renew the contest.

Are you noticing the liberal offers of the Woman's Journal for clubs? I have just succeeded in securing a very intelligent ex-teacher to canvass Lexington for subscribers; and it occurred to me in your financial department you might make something out of it if you could start a state-wide subscription list.

I am sorry to hear your father is in delicate health. Please give him my kind regards, and believe me

Affectionately yours,

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Apr 8th 1911

Dear Miss Clay,

So often I do not write to some of
the old friends for a long time and the occasion
arises so that a number of letters come along to
gether this is one. I had hardly gotten off your
letter when Mr Bartholomew paid his interest.
This was due Feb 15th but by mistake I told him that
it as due the 15th of March. Since then he has been
sick and his wife does no business for him.

The amount was 27 dollars and I have deducted my
commission.

Yes I know about the Woman's Journal offer
but I am so loaded that I can not push another
thing.

Glad that Mrs Boyer is disposed off or
rather her matter. My! how hard those things were
for me to bear. I wonder now as I am free of them
how I ever stood them .

I suppose I ought to go to the Louisville
convention but of course things are too uncertain
now for me to plan anything. I find myself rather
cowardly about going. Folks have always been
so nice to me at conventions and now that those
who are near Miss Shaw like Mrs Osborne &c. spurn

27.00
2.43
24.57

me and as Miss Gordon keeps insisting that I am not to be trusted I feel as if I could not have the courage to go. I know that the reflex action on Ohio will be good and maybe if I can hang closely to someone I will get my courage.

Mrs Avery has been sick nearly all winter. She is a person of few words and has written me very seldom but the other days she said that Miss Shaw had made life miserable for her all winter. Of course the persecution will react on Miss Shaw and I really think in her heart she is as unhappy over her actions as any one could be but she has that wonderful common fault of not being willing to acknowledge herself wrong and to vindicate herself at any cost. As I look back on that N. Y. meeting and see how she defied us I wonder that we ever got through it all right.

We have about eight or ten tons, the storage man tells me of the Histories and she refused to give Ohio a set although she had given every other campaign Headquarters. That seemed so small. But I try not to think or talk of this.

Cordially

Harriet Taylor Upton

Apr. 6, 1911

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Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Mr. Schultz who borrowed your \$500.00 for six months has sold his house and paid off the mortgage. I therefore have your money, I also have the interest. The interest on \$500.00 for that time amounts to \$7.50. My commission 15¢. Enclosed find a check for \$7.35.

I have a place where I can put out this money in the neighborhood of just such good houses and I presume you will want me to do so. At any rate I will hold your money here until I hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton
Per H.

April 6th,

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN: REV. ELIZA-
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June 24, 1911
Postmark.

Dear Miss Clay -
Mr Coabe paid
his interest on loan
and I am sending
it to you less my
commission \$1.20 -

Am wondering how
you are standing
the warm weather.
I am getting on nice
by with Ohio work
if I could raise
\$20.00 Ohio women
could be free -
Dottie grows weaker
all the time & is more
and more care - He
does not suffer - eats
sleeps well & is content - I
love each ^{one} day at a time
Cordially
Harrist

My Sunday School class is a great
success - the nector who has just
gone saw it was the best during the
time in the parish & the new sector
saw it was the best during the fund

Richmond, Kentucky.

June 26th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received letter post-marked June 24th, enclosing check of \$58.80, semi-annual int. on Coale note, for which I thank you. I had expected you to take out of the next check coming to me the fifty cents I owed you, and which I did not send, because the amount is small to send by check. But since you did not deduct it this time I do not like to let it run too long, so am enclosing a check for 50 cents now.

I am always so glad to hear from you. Just now, I am particularly interested to hear Church news; for I hope you read my address to our Diocesan Council which appeared in the Journal of June 17th. I know it is too long for the general reader, but I want all the Episcopalians to read it and consider if they cannot start a similar movement in their own Dioceses. The petition was limited to ten names because the Bishop expressed the wish that a general petition should not be circulated before the Council had heard it. Now I shall do what I can to have the commission of five members, which the Bishop is to appoint by vote of the Council, bring in a favorable report to the next Council. I have every reason now to hope they will do so. We in Ky. have the right to vote for and to be elected to the vestry. I see from what the W. Journal reports in two other Dioceses that these rights are not as general as I had supposed them to be. But something is stirring up the spirit of the lay women; and I hope the good work will go on.

Are you noticing the radical changes in our W.A.W.S.A. that advisory committee around headquarters is advocating? If these amendments are

adopted much of the National spirit in the Asso. will be lost. I hope you are studying them, and are preparing to help to preserve the rights of the Middle West; for it is evident that the movers expect the Headquarters to be in New York, or at least in some Eastern city; and if the selection of the Official Board is determined by the nearness to Headquarters of the candidates, all sections will be excluded except the few states bordering upon New York. I cannot believe the Convention will thus strip itself of the power of free choice, but no one can tell what a convention will do under strong local influence. Mrs. Bennett and I bemoan the loss of you from our Board continually. Mrs. Bennett cannot see that you were justified in resigning; but I know you were subjected to personal annoyances which are hard to describe. Mrs. Bennett says she always felt the convention would go on all right when she saw your bright, cheerful face.

I wish you would give my regards to your father. I often think of him in connection with the pleasant days I spent in Headquarters.

I am sorry you do not give me encouragement to expect you at the Louisville Convention. It will be a disappointment to me not to meet you there; and I shall still hope that you may come, with a good, strong, Ohio delegation.

Let me hear from you when you can write; and believe me

Very cordially yours,

OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

WARREN, OHIO



August, 24th, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of the 21st just here.

I can loan to good advantage within a few days and will loan your \$1,000. Awfully glad you want me to have it.

Yes, father is very comfortable and I am glad to say, is quite willing now, to stay part of the day with my cousin Miss Horton. As he grows weaker he seems to be more contented to stay with her and as she sews and works around the house in the morning, and as he sleeps, it does not make her hard for her and makes it better for me. Nellie will stay in evenings part of the week and I try to get four evenings a week at the office. Even then I do not begin to keep up with my work.

I have not intended to be at Louisville as I told you. I feel as if I ought to give every minute and all of my strength to Ohio, but if it looks as if I might be of very much help, I may go.

I have read the amendments to the Constitution, I have read almost everything that has been written for and against it. I think your argument was the strongest and best of any written. I know from letters, that it had a great deal of effect on the old time suffragists. I finally wrote Mrs. Dennett and asked her to tell me what advantage such a move could be, and I told her I thought she was trying to apply the methods of the Massachusetts Suffrage Association to the U. S. I told her that might do in a small state like Mass. but that it would not do at all in a state like Ohio, and a majority of the states in the Union are about the size of Ohio. That is, Ohio is simply an average sized state. She writes back a long letter. I have sent it to Elizabeth. Would you like to see it when it comes back from her? I can answer almost all of her arguments. She wants me to write something for the *Womans Journal* but I have told her that every minute I have to spare ought to go to Ohio. Mrs. Demming, however, who is much interested in the question, rather urges me to write something short and to the point. I will think about this.

In the meantime I am going to re-read all that has been written in the *Journal*.

For some time some members of the Board, Miss Shaw particularly, has been wanting Miss Thomas on the

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board and I think they want Mrs. Belmont on the board. If this proposition passes probably they will be on the board. They will undoubtedly make two good members but just as sure as you live if this proposition goes through the National Association as a National Association, loses its power.

Mrs. Dennet says that under the new scheme things will be put upon a business basis. I believe what is true of a state will be true of the National. I believe that if I were president of the suffrage association of Ohio and that all the officers were in Trumbull County and that we had monthly meetings in Trumbull County, we might do things in a business like way, and might do an immense amount of good but it would'nt be long until Toledo would be standing by itself and Cincinnati by itself and so on and so forth. We cannot get the status of a locality second hand. I believe that if you and Miss Gordon had not been on the board from the south, that the south would hardly be awakened to activity by this time.

I have further told Mrs. Dennett that if her proposition goes through there will not be any real National Suffrage Association in some years from now, and further that if that proposition does go through, in order to save the association from utter wreckage she would have to put the headquarters in Chicago.

I take it from her letter that they are thinking of moving the headquarters to Boston. She did not say so, but she says they ought to be able to do more for the Journal and could do it if the business management and the editorial business was in one town. And then she speaks as if Miss Blackwell was a fixture.

It would be very bad politics, in my opinion, for the association to cut off the south but it would be far worse for them to cut off the west.

The next states which will be enfranchised will be the west and middle west and when those states get into campaigns they are certainly not going to be controlled by a few eastern people who are not on the ground.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton,
Per. J.C.

HTUpton/C

Near Richmond, Kentucky?

Aug. 28th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Please find enclosed my check for one thousand dollars, for investment in a mortgage loan. I did not get your letter till Saturday; and as I am on my farm, where we have but one mail a day, I am answering just as soon as possible.

I would like very much to see Mrs. Dennett's letter to you when it comes back from Elizabeth; and I would like also to let a few others of our good suffragists know what is in it, if you see no objection.

I hope you will write an article for the Woman's Journal, because your opinions are backed up by long experience, both in State and National work. My fear ^{is} that these "business methods" means that the National Suffrage work is to be converted into the pushing of various forms of self-supporting or money making enterprises, such as that magazine subscription idea; the Woman's Journal, if it can be put on a paying basis, and the sale of literature, etc., and that the N.A.W.S.A. is to be the patron of these enterprises. Of course, all this may be called National work, in a sense; but I think such enterprises ought to be conducted under the management of the official board, and not by the officers themselves; just as the Board now has employed Miss Ryan for the business manager of the Woman's Journal, for which she is no doubt better fitted than Miss Blackwell's incomparably better fitted than Miss Ryan for a member of the Board to take a wide and broad-minded view of the requirements of the suffrage movement all over the country. I hope you will be able to come to the convention in Louisville; and if you do not come yourself, you ought to see that some one does come who can present Ohio's claim to help in your coming campaign. It seems to be

the sense of the Board that the National should not help any other campaign until after the convention, so as to give all it can to the California campaign. But after that is over, then the other campaigns will receive attention. Therefore Ohio should be prepared to push its claims at the convention.

I suppose you know that the Board has leased 505 Fifth Avenue till the first of February. The lease could not be secured for a less time than that. I am very sorry we had to take it at least two months after the time it was necessary to give the Convention an opportunity to express its will about the location of headquarters. I think the headquarters in New York are expensive beyond our means and always will be more expensive than any other suitable eastern city. Do you still think Washington is not the best place for headquarters? I feel that as the political capital of the country it is the logical place for us. Have you observed the course of the U.S. constitutional amendment for the direct election of U.S. senators? This seems to me to be an admirable opening for us to push woman suffrage in the election of senators. Congress cannot give us its usual answer that suffrage is within the province of the states alone, since it now intends to change the electors for senators from the members of legislatures to the people. If we do work on this amendment, would not Washington be the logical place for our Headquarters?

Do you think press work could be done in a different city from where headquarters are located without great disadvantage to it? I suppose New York is undeniably the best city for Press work?

If you have time, do answer all these questions, for I have great respect for your judgment, though you know I am very tenacious of my own opinions.

Please remember me to your father, and also to Miss Horton, whom I remember very pleasantly.

Very cordially yours,

OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

WARREN, OHIO



September, 13th, 1911.

Dear Miss Clay,

I seem to be a daily correspondent.

Miss Gruening and Miss Fleming have been making a tour of the states and reached Cleveland a day or two ago. I was to have made a speech with them, but father was not well and I could'nt. The meeting was Monday and I had been at Ashtabula Saturday.

By the way, these young women came to get the state to pledge funds for the National Association. They wanted Ohio to give \$3,000.00. It seemed funny to me in the first place, that the National would send a committee into a campaign state to solicit funds. In the second place it seemed strange that they would send a committee without telling us what they were sending it for. Mrs. Steinem did not know, Elizabeth did not know. If they were going to raise money they ought to have asked us to hold an executive committee meeting. This is the first thing I have known Mrs. Dennett to do which was'nt quite business like. I have felt all the time that the real mission of these girls was to explain the new constitution and I therefore asked Elizabeth, who would see them, to find out how they stood on the constitution. She says they are strong for the Constitution and now I am convinced that they were sent out partly to solicit money, but at this time of the year in order to work for the constitution.

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I would not like you to mention this to a single soul because I would 'nt like to have Mrs. Dennett or Miss Ashley think that I was criticizing them as I am not. They think the new constitution is necessary to the life of the association but I am wondering if the move to send these girls was endorsed by the business committee and whether the business committee know that that they are using this trip to work for the constitution.

I am so anxious to know what you will think of my article and do hope it will be in next week's paper. The more I think of that constitution the more troubled I am about it. I wish I knew just how Miss Shaw stands and how Mrs. Belmont and Mrs. Thomas stand. I am wondering if it was to get them on the board of officers that this movement was made.

I do not think Mrs. Dennett strengthened her side any by her last letter in the Journal.

HTU/C

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton
Per J.B.

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Dear Miss Clay;

Your notes here. Thank you.

The Journal has just come and I am wondering if you are reading my article and how you like it.

You say the three officers at headquarters are for certain things. Is Miss Shaw for this constitution I can not think it possible. I have been laughing to myself to think that she and I were showing up on the same side when we think so badly of each other.

I feel quite sure that Mrs Dennett and Miss Ashley do not like her. Elizabeth said that Miss Fleming was too young to understand anything but that Miss Gruning expressed herself as finding it hard to work with Miss Shaw. I do hate to feel that the new girls at headquarters are rather taking the bit in their teeth because I believe them both to be good people but it does seem strange that they can not see how foolish their move is.

No I had not learned about Mrs Belmonts inter lination. I saw by the California reports that Miss Shaw had sent \$1000.00 to Calif from a friend. I wondered if this was the thousand that Mrs Mc Cullough and I were trustees of together with Miss Shaw.

I wrote to ask but Miss Shaw says not. She says that she has a friend who is placing a lot of money for her to draw on and that she has just sent another \$400.00

O declare the way a little money will turn the heads of ty greatest people is wonderful.

Of course it was all right for you to vote for the continuance of headquarters. What could you have done. Miss Ashley wrote me that Miss Shaw went away and left that matter for her and Mrs Dennett to settle. I do not think that they liked the job. Do you think that there is any chance of the headquarters going to Boston.

I think Miss Shaw has so undermined me that I have little influence I am glad that Ylu and Mrs Bennett thinks otherwise. I do not see how I can leave father. If it were for a few days only that might be different but it is so long. Beside I do so hate to be where I am hated and Miss Shaw is so underhanded and Miss Gordon is so fierce towards me that I in my present tired condition feel equal to it. Well we will see.

I had a letter from Laura Gregg today and she is married. The husband she met in the Arizona campaign.

I ought jot to take a moment to write all this for I am to leave soon to take a train fro Cle eland where I speak on the Public Square tonight. I then have an all night conference and must be back early in the mprning because of father and because tomorrow I preside at the Political Equality Club.

If Ohio Behaves itself we will get some sort of recognition from the Constitutional Convention. Wouldn't I feel that I had rounded out my life well if I could be chairman of the committee which enfranchises women?
Love to Mrs Bennett

Cordially Yours

Harriet Taylor Upton

Warren, Ohio, September, 28th, 1911.

Dear Miss Clay,

I thought you would like to see this letter
and so am forwarding it to you.

I have to laugh when I think of Belva "Pitching"
into those girls. I would rather have the devil himself
pitch into me than Belva.

Well, it is all going to work out alright.

Cordially yours,

Harriet J. Upton

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Dear Miss Clay,

When you are home and rested, for Goodness Sake write me about the convention.

I subscribed for the papers but of course I could not get everything from them.

Did you and Miss Gordon coluntarily retire or did Miss Thomas with the N. Y. people knock you out?

I declare there were fairly tears in my eyes when I thought how Miss Shaw now stands without one single member of the old group, honest, fearless, just, and is surrounded by entirely unfamiliar people with Miss Thomas to manage everything that is done. As I look back on it now, the beginning of this change was at Baltimore when money was given us with a string on it. I remember how that was used myself, but I did not realize it at the time and since then Miss Shaw has absolutely prostituted herself to money. She will die with the name of having been the greatest woman orator the U. S. has ever seen, but she will have paid for her glory because new people will not love and cherish as old people did. It is all too bad. Anyhow you did your duty from first to last. No one on the board has ever been a greater comfort to me than you were and when you are rested I am sure you will buckle in for Kentucky and I also know that you will be willing to give time to the Ohio Campaign. You see we will be fighting together again after all.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton,
Per. 36

Oct 27, 1913

Dear you know Miss Shaw attack the
Inhaler & Deferendum men at Cin-
cinnati ~~and~~ & they came out in papers, then
in the Bulletin & now the Post - has
written of it - These men think Miss Shaw
is our spokesman - Miss Shaw said
we had to put suffrage in the constitution
not as an amendment - now all men
fear that will endanger the constitution. We our-
selves had voted at Dayton to submit separate
amendment - If Mrs. Shaw had only said so



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PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____

DOLLARS

TO THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
WARREN, OHIO.

TREAS.

[Oct 27 1915]

I feel sure Miss Sherman will ^{help}
us in the campaign and yet I
do not know how to help it - she
is so powerful now she is backed
by cash. We are hammering &
happy & will get on all right if she
will let us alone - oh: our funds are
funds - N. T. Rptm

Cleveland voted to
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 for an
 fight
 10 Oct. 1911
 P. J. U

I remember the lousome feelings
 I had when I knew I had cut
 the tie which held me to you
 all - But my wrench was so
 much easier I was elected &
 resigned & the resignation was not
 accepted - Beside I felt - Mrs Shaw
~~was~~ only, ^{was} unjust & jealous & mean
 & bullying but now everyone can
 see that Mrs Thomas with position
 and money was the association
 that Mrs Shaw has prostituted
 her splendid talents, that is her
 virtue to money and with any
 kind of prostitution come disease
 of not death - Instead of

dying or living old age in love
and affection her last days
will be sad. She may want
to win & she may have power
& all that - but I would be willing
to wager she lings for the old
days when liars did not lead
when ~~the~~ truth & justice
were our guides & love was
every where -

Any way your blessed old
Roman every body ~~even~~ who
has written me speaks so
lovingly of you -
Ohio was instructed at your
consent to stand by you
and it did -

Cheer up, cheer up the worst
is not to come -

Every day I get something to encourage
me about Ohio. The women

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 1st, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I received your affectionate letter of Oct. 26th, and intended to answer it fully as soon, as you said, I had rested up and gotten off some letters which had to be written after the convention. But your second letter, just received and so full of kindness, makes me resolve to answer both at once.

You must not feel grieved on my account, because I was not re-elected. If I had been elected I should have been glad to serve, because I should have taken that as an indication that my best work was there. But otherwise, I am quite willing to turn my efforts in directions nearer home. I would have felt pained if none of the delegates had felt that they still wanted me; but so many of them came to me and expressed such warm appreciation for the long years in which I have served the Association, and so much personal friendship for me personally, that any pain I may have felt was entirely soothed. In fact, I have actually felt sorrier for their regret than for my defeat. I did my best to prevent centralization around New York; but the majority of the votes were plainly for that policy; and that being true, I myself can see that it would have been incongruous to have me on the Board. I am farther off than Chicago; and those two women from Chicago are brilliant acquisitions to the moral effect of the Board, and so is Mrs. La Follette a great acquisition. I believe it will be an asset for victory in Wisconsin. Again, while I did and do oppose centralization, I am aware that there are some arguments on that side; and it may be that our recent victories in Washington and California will so change the aspect of the suffrage cause that maintaining press work and the Woman's Journal, as they propose to do, is all that the National can do any longer and all that is needed. I shall feel satisfied if they do this and help with money the states where campaigns

are going on. It is certainly true that the campaign states seem to dread greatly the idea of the National doing anything except donating money; and I think they are wise.

If you read the papers of the 25th and 26th closely you will have seen that I proposed some modernizing changes for our Ky.E.R.A. methods; and that we now see that our next step is to turn all our attention to entering into a constitutional amendment campaign ourselves. All the important statutory laws have been won, or can be safely left to the Federation of Woman's Clubs and other societies. We ought to devote our attention to full suffrage only; and I now regard the Ky.E.R.A. as in the initial stages of a constitutional amendment campaign. Of course, we have no hopes of immediately gaining a submission; but I prophecy that getting a submission is never again going to be the arduous task it has proved in the earlier states. We already have the full sympathy of the Grange, the Federation of Labor, the W.C.T.U., and I do not think it will be long before we have that of the Federation of Woman's Clubs. The politicians recognize that suffrage is a live issue, and they may at any time decide to champion our cause in hopes of future benefit.

You ask if Miss Gordon was defeated as I was. No: she had made it known that she would not accept office again. In fact, she expects to go abroad for a year with her sisters. I was the only one who went down under the machine, for none of the others were candidates. I was very glad that Miss Blackwell was relieved of the necessity of acting as auditor in order to be on the Board. The fact that promises of liberal support to the Journal are given reconciles me to much which I do not approve in the new regime. All the states need the Journal; and it has been a heavy expense, and will continue to be so for awhile, though the time when it will be self-sustaining seems to be now fairly in sight.

I do not think you need to be in any way sorry for Miss Shaw. I imagine she is perfectly happy with things as they are. And yet you may be

Nov 11, 1915

right about that and I wrong; for you know I never was the close and intimate friend to her as you and Mrs. Avery were. There is one thing I hope you will do before the next convention, - and that is, get over your sensitiveness and go to the convention. I assure you I greatly enjoyed it, in spite of the little disagreeables, and expect to go and receive inspiration from meeting with all the friends of by-gone times, and with the victorious campaigners as they come to tell their triumphs. Because one clique has triumphed is no reason why there is not plenty for all the others to do for the final great victory, and in the new movements which will assuredly grow out of it. The convention was a magnificent success, and has given the cause an impetus in Kentucky which nothing else could have done. The newspapers gave the fullest reports; and the crowds were so immense that every night we might have had a large overflow meeting had there been another hall at convenient distance. The collections ranged from \$75 to \$100, and even the evening when visitors paid fifty cents to hear Mrs. Pankhurst, according to the English method she took up a collection for the National and got \$85. I know that will delight your treasurer soul!

I am full of interest about your campaign; and if you should wish me to come sometime and help in campaigning it will give me great pleasure to do so. I do not think Mrs. Steinem made much effort to get financial support for Ohio, as I heard nothing pledged, though there were some pledges for Wisconsin. I wish you had been there yourself. But maybe it was for the best.

Please give my kind regards to your father, and write to me when you find time.

Always cordially your friend;

[Dec 1911]

Dear Miss Clay: Under another cover
I am sending you some of the letters
about we have been getting out--for
Constitutional Convention delegates--
We are not let any one know we are
sending. I have prepared all the
first ~~two~~ I sent in suffrage envelope. The
2" from women. She ~~has~~ ~~two~~ ~~also~~ ~~sent~~.
I checked the envelopes, stamped

& sent - to Mrs Oles & they therefore ^{2 Dec 1915}
bore the Elvira post-marks. The
4" Bertha Cover sent for me the
same way. They went to her ready
to post - & she mailed them - the 5"
to Dr Swivers - If you care for
any more as they come out -
I will let you have them

[Dec 1911]

Do not let any body know about
them my best access to news
paper for the scheme may be
spoiled if the delegates know any
all came from me.

By the way could you speak
at any of the Farmers Insti

[Dec 1911]

titer in die lower part of die
stall in Jan. Feb -
Miss Corcoran has broken down
and I dare not leave head
quarters - Father is so much
weaker he does not mind of
others care for him part of
die time - Length of time

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December 11, 1911.

Miss Laura Clay,
Mill Street,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Inclosed find check for
twenty six dollars and forty seven cents,
(\$26.47) interest which Mr. Bartholomew
owes you on your nin hundred dollars minus
my commission.

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My but these are crowded days in
the Ohio headquarters. I have been
just as hard worked in my days as now,
but I feel that every movement I make
is an important one and I fear that I may
make a mistake and the responsibility is
something awful. Elizabeth and I are
having the entire care of the Campaign.
I am glad I had worked in the National
otherwise I could not done it.

Cordially yours,

HTU/HF.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 13th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your letter of the 9th inst., enclosing a check for \$26.46, interest on the Bartholemew note, for which I thank you.

I have been considering your invitation to speak at some of the Farmers' Institutes in the southern part of the state. I am so circumstanced that it is hard to give an answer. Our Legislature is to be in session this winter, beginning in Jan. and lasting till about the middle of March. Our E.R.A. will not put in any bill except for a submission of a Constitutional Amendment for full suffrage, and perhaps not that, as the Federation of Woman's Clubs will probably want us to hold off till their bill for School Suffrage is safe. But I am on the Legislative Committee also for the Federation; and I doubt if I ought to be out of the state during the Legislature, though I am not the chairman of their Legislative Committee. At the same time I might find later that I could spare a week or two very well in Jan. or Febr., and I should be glad to give any help I could in your campaign. So I am going to ask you to write to me again about it. Should you want me to speak consecutively for a week or two, or is it your idea that I should speak only once and return home and go again if occasion required? You know it costs about six dollars for railroad fare from here and back to Cincinnati.

I have been wanting to send some help to your finance committee; but my obligations in helping the National Convention prevented me doing so earlier. I am now sending you my check for thirty dollars for that purpose.

2.

I wish I could make it more.

Please remember me to your father and to Mr. Upton. Also, to Miss Hauser, when you write. I got a nice letter from her some weeks ago; but as it did not require an answer I have not written one.

Always very sincerely your friend,

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December 18, 1911.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

Inclosed find receipt for thirty dollars which you give to the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Campaign, I think this is very generous of you. I knew that you spent a lot of money on the National Convention. I also knew that if you had anything to give me you would, because of our personal relations and because you know that any work which is done in Ohio will reflect on Kentucky to the latter's benefit.

Last year it was sometimes possible for a person to do two farmers institutes in one county, and the same week, but as a rule the dates vary, and a special trip had to be made for each one. I have not the list of Institutes yet, but as soon as I have them and get to work on them you will hear from me again.

My father is not at all well and I feel as if I were on my last legs. I never remember having been so tired, or felt so badly in all my life.

Lovingly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton
— J.B.

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Dear Miss Clay -
There is to be a
farmers Institute at New
Paris Preble County Dec
27 & 28" Miss Bertha
Coover is ill - would it
be possible for you to fill
those dates - you can
talk in any branch of the
suffrage question - get
a resolution passed asking
the constitutional conven-
tion to subvert the question
of woman suffrage to
the people - send me the
resolution and I will see
it reaches the Con - con-
delegates - Now Miss

Conn spoke there last-year
and they wanted her again - she
had to wait she could not go -
now all I want to know of you
is whether you can go - It may
be they have filled the place or it
is too late - when I hear from you
I can telegraph you - Just look
at New Paris where this institute
is to be held they had never had
a suffrage speech till last-year -
My: how this is making up - organ-
ized a woman suffrage Party at
Ashtabula yesterday with a splendid
young woman as president - This
young woman has given up
all other club work & all social
things & devoted herself to this
campaign - she has a lovely
husband & two little rascal
children -

Truly
Samuel Upton

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assume the responsibility and those who go off will not be responsible. We will say that four go off and four stay on. In that case, the four who stay on would have to pay the ~~5000.~~^{1000.}00 in case the Association could not pay it. Of course, we can not bind our successors to pay this note. It is true, that if a majority of the present signers are on the Board at the end of five years, they would see that the note was paid, but if there should be only one or two left, they might not be able to force the Association, if the present spirit of the Association should change, and, therefore, the original signers would be responsible for the amount.

I have been wondering whether it would be better to borrow this amount from some person who is not a Trustee and who would not exact personal security in this way. You see, our Association is not incorporated ~~and is not~~ for profit. If Laura Clay, as trustee, had to attach our belongings to satisfy this note she could not find \$1000. worth of furniture, typewriters, etc. Of course, in all probability, the Association will always have the spirit of fairness and will want to pay an obligation, but at the same time we have to realize that sometimes we are disappointed in matters of this kind.

I hope I have made this clear to you. When I have had your answer, I will then send the note to Miss Shaw and she will send it to you for your signatures in order.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 20th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I received your two letters of the 18th last night. If you think I am needed, I will go to New Paris to the Farmers' Institute Dec. 27 and 28th. If you should want me to go, and have the time, write me particulars how long I shall be expected to speak, and whether you think I can do useful work by staying longer than just the time to speak and try to get a resolution passed.

I notice with solicitude what you say about feeling so tired and worn out. You know I had a terrible time for years from nervous prostration largely brought on by overstrain. I always long to advise my friends never to let anything cause them to overdo their strength. The answer usually is that their work is what they cannot stop. My answer is that if they should break down then they must stop and cannot do even the work they might have done if they had stopped in time. So I beg of you to take this view of it; and take rest. especially, I would advise that you should strictly avoid night work. It gets your brain excited so that you cannot sleep as refreshingly as you might otherwise. I doubt if you will think much of what I say; but I am too much interested in you to refrain from what may be useless counsel.

Always your attached friend,

Dec-30" 1911

Dear Miss Clay -

This was paid
in nearly a week ago
but - I have been so ill, as
to be in bed & unable to
write - Am sitting up

today -
Coal out.

H. J. Upham