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Jan. 18 1913



Dear Miss Clay;

I am glad to write 1913 for of all the years of my life this has been the saddest. To have laid away my two dear men, the men of my own blood and to be the last of my family is too horrible to think of or to speak of. I just try to think it is not so and go ^{on} but the effort has been awfully. I have been so weak and prostrated that I have thought something must be wrong with me physically but the doctor says not. I have not been able to do any hard suffrage work and Elizabeth has been with me for weeks. We are working on the Farmer's Institutes and having immense success. She must go into the field soon and I am doing up all my personal business which has been woefully neglected. Really I have hardly known how much we had in bank. I never would have believed that I could have cared so little. I started to write this to tell you to look at your accounts and see how we stand. I think from my books there is something due you. You need not hunt up Bartholomew because I am straightening that out but any thing else.

Lovingly

Harriet Taylor Upton

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

Jan. 21st, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Hpton,

I have received your letter of Jan. 18th; and have accordingly been looking over my books and letters. But there never was a year in which I have kept my books so poorly; partly because I was away from home so much, and then partly because circumstances separated me from my books some of the time I was at home. Therefore, I am not at all confident that I have set down the checks you have sent me. I may have missed them in the mail whilst traveling around; or may have failed to note them down when received. But here goes:

You paid on the Coale notes in Jan. for the Dec. interest of 1911. I find no note or letter of payment made for the June ^{interest} payment of 1912 of the Coale notes. The Dec. payment was made in December.

After the Schultze note was paid, principal and interest, you re-invested the \$500 in a note to C.H. Wilson, May 13th, 1911. I have no entry of any interest paid on this note.

On Woodworth note of Sept. 11th, 1911, the interest of \$30.00 was paid in March, 1913. The time you asked me to send on the note for collection the interest was not sent. You will observe from my letter of that time, I asked if the Sept. interest had been paid.

You say you are looking up the Bartholomew note yourself; but it may make it easier for you to say that all the interest except that of August, 1912, is set down in my books, though it seems to have been paid at irregular intervals.

I feel sorry for you in having so many accounts to look over. I find mine a good deal of trouble when I am moving around and busy about other things.

Affectionately yours,

Laura Clay

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March 29, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find a note for \$1000.00. I did not send this in another letter because I wanted to register it. I am sending this c/o Mrs. Boyer and know that you will get it safely.

We have been in a perfectly awful way here because of the water. You will remember the park by the City Hall where the roses were. Under ordinary circumstances this park is fifteen feet above the water, maybe more, and yet it rose that high. We have been cut off from all communication with the outside world. No trains carrying mail, no trolley and no passenger trains of course. Now that we have word from the outside world we find that we have not suffered much in proportion to others.

No trains are running from here to Chicago and I am doubting whether I will be able to get to the Mississippi Conference.

There are one hundred homeless people in Girard

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where Elizabeth lives and she has not been able to be at the office for a week.

I am greatly disturbed over the Michigan situation. The fact that the labor people are going back on the suffragists shows that whiskey is after Michigah as it was after Ohio. Well we will see.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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May
~~June~~ 18 1913



Dear Miss Clay;

The fact that I had the campaign on my hands and that you were in the field led us to get mixed on our accounts. Then my wrist being lame has delayed me a little longer for I do not feel like taking the time of clerks for which Ohio pays to do my business and then too I have never let any one know anything of my business affairs.

COALE: Wm L. Coale and wife borrowed \$2000.00 of you on property on Oak street Dec. 22nd 1906 and has paid all interest to date. Your letters, my return checks and my letters to Mr Coale or rather Mr Grimm his agent show this. When I was straightening my accounts some months or weeks ago I could not find any return check for your interest for June 1912. I wrote you about it. I think you said you were away from your books but when you returned you said you could find no entry of this June interest. I have since had my bank book made up again and there has been no check returned for that amount. Unfortunately at that time my cousin Miss Horton had concluded not to wait for me to put away somethings which because of the pressure of the campaign had lain around a long and had put them away herself. She thought they were old papers but among them was my diary in which I enter every transaction. Therefore when I did find the books in the fall I went on with the entire set but there are no entries for

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June or July. I am therefore well assured that I did not pay you that interest and am enclosing \$60.00 (I will not take out the commission for the loss of interest on this interest would amount to fully that) and in case later a return check does appear I will let ^oyu know and if you should get any ~~xxxxxxx~~ evidence that I had paid it we can rectify it. I have seldom sent you receipts to sign as I do others because you usually cash your checks promptly and they serve as a return. Your next interest from Coale will be due June 22 and I know will be paid promptly.

WILSON. Wilson came in and paid his principle and interest when it was due. I have not the money yet. I was so afraid to let him drag a few days lest the sale of the place might be jepprdized that I asked him to pay th bank and let the money lie there till I could get the mortgage ~~xxxxxxx~~ cancelled and get the notes. I had your and Miss Reilleys and thought all I had to do was to go to Miss Horton's bank box and get hers and get money as soon as the mortgage came back. I find that she transferred some of her securities to the Youngstown bank and has the key to the box. However I think that the bank will take a paper from me to the effect that if it is not paid I will pay it. I have a great of trouble with her accounts as she goes to Europe or Mexico or California and does not expect to stay and they does stay. If I can settle this in the morning I will enclose your interest and if not I will send it either in a fewdays or willhave to wait till I hear from her. I am glad to reinvest this amount for you raight away. Wilson is a prosperous farmer but he is so close and so fussy that I am glad to take him from my list .

(over)

I had written that far when my head
which had been aching a little got
worse. I went to lie down & am
just sitting up tonight. Two days
later - I was just - tired & over
worked I guess -

Arlson accepted my receipt for Mrs
Hertens note so the money is pd
I have a place for it & will loan
it as soon as able -

I will also look up the Woodmark
Ch to.

Good night

Samuel T. W. P. S.

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June 14, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I had just gotten off your letter when the notes
in came and I am enclosing them. Please acknowledge receipt of
\$500.00 one and please endorse the \$1000 one to Caroline I Reilly
and return the same to me. As I told you the deed will be some
days or maybe weeks in being recorded because of the crowded
condition of the office. Do you want me to send the insurance
papers to you? It is really better for me to keep them because
when they come due I can easier have them renewed. I watch the
insurance carefully, especially on these new houses.

Cordially yours,

HTU.BJ

Harriet Taylor Upton

*June 17, 1913, Ans. Sent note for Miss
Reilly. Said "keep the insurance papers
in your office."*

*Aug. 1, 1913 - Returned this note a mortgage. It
got me for \$1500 in exchange according to
enclosed letter*

Near Richmond, Ky.

July 8th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I acknowledge receipt of the Carl A. Williams and Mayme C. Williams for \$1500, \$500 due to me and \$1000 due to Miss Reilly.

Laura

I am much concerned to hear of the operation Miss Blackwell has undergone. I wish you would drop me a line when you hear of her again, as I do not know how else I shall hear. I know that new paper is worrying her some. I learn that they are expecting to raise a large sum of money, some say 75000, others \$6000, none of which had been raised when I heard. However, it is now announced that "The Suffragist", weekly bulletin of the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage is to be published in Washington, with Rheta Childs Borr as editor, price 50 cents. The Congressional Union has applied for membership in the National, with a list of 300 members. Do you think these two things, with the convention in Washington, means that it is contemplated to move Headquarters to Washington, and to push the National amendment to the U.S. Constitution? That would seem to me a good move.

Yes; I think they had a right to change the time of the Convention. That right was reserved to the Board at the adoption of the by-law fixing the time. Also, they took a vote of the Executive Committee. Personally, I thought it wise, and voted that way. I know there is some dissatisfaction, and perhaps some disposition to try by a vote of the coming convention to lay some restriction on the Board to run the affairs of the Association by the convention, and

tempt would be futile; for they can make answer that the Asso. is not supporting the expenses which it is ordering, and that is true. Whatever is being done is apparently being done by private subscriptions, like the money for this new Suffragist. When they have the inner circle of knowledge all the time, and a disposition to act without regard to the convention, it can always be done one way or another, and I think the best course is not to try to impose any restraint, but merely accept any work which is done for the cause, and let the states go on their own work. The only exception might be the disposal of the legacies. They certainly belong to the Asso. as a corporation, and not to the Board. I believe we should rally around the Woman's Journal as strongly as we can; for we have learned by experience that it has and can stand all the storms which have made several other good suffrage papers go down; and I believe it will be able to do better service than any paper which can be started now, even with those wealthy N. York women to back it, and with Miss Dorr as editor. Fortunately for me, I do not think the N. A. W. C. A. is any longer essential for the success of the cause; and dissension about it would destroy any usefulness which remains to it. Is it keeping up a good stock of literature? I have not had occasion to order lately, so am not informed.

I am glad to see from the last Journal that Mrs. Booth does give certain credit to Mrs. McCulloch. I do not take it hard that the lobby at Springfield was kept small, for I know that is thought the best policy by some who have no jealousy.

Very cordially yours,

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July 11, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I know you will be glad to have me tell you that I have had a card from Miss Blackwell, written from the hospital saying that she is improving every day. Some one has written that the doctor thinks she will be better now than she has been in years.

I think the unrest in the National Association grows. The Pennsylvania people are very much aroused over some phases of it. Miss Blackwell of course is troubled about the news bulletin. I have been very frank with Miss Paul about it. I told her I thought she had no business to organize or to originate a plan of that kind which necessarily involved the National without putting it to the vote of the National. They have written to me for names of suffragists and they want each one of us to get ten subscribers. I have replied that I can do nothing of the kind because we are supporting a little paper of our own and which we hope to use as a bulletin through our campaign. The Woman's Journal did splendidly for us last year in the way

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of money raising but they did not publish things which we sent them in time to do any good. However we have been getting lots of subscribers for the Journal and we are going to support Everywoman and that we cannot take up this news bulletin.

There seems to be a growing discontent in regard to Miss Paul. She certainly has usurped her authority. I think it is very discourteous for the National ~~without consulting the state~~ to come into the state and appoint a committee of Finance for the National without consulting the state and I think it is very overstepping for the Congressional Committee to come into the state, try to organize in Congressional districts and then take that organization, make a Congressional union of it and apply for admission to the National. How a body can create another body and have that body become a National body auxiliary to the mother body is a mystery to me.

In some regards it may be wise to have the Convention in Washington but M. Carey Thomas said at Philadelphia that if the unit rule prevailed that we would have the Convention in the East where Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and New York could be solidly there.

Now that we have all got ^{ten} higgly piggly things are working out in a dreadful way I think. For instance, somebody told a group of women in Cincinnati that they could be state organization and join the National direct. At the last Ohio Convention we discussed matters carefully, decided how to vote on everything at the Philadelphia Convention and then when we got to that Convention we found Miss Worthington and her group with three votes by virtue of auxiliaryship and several votes besides, voting directly in opposition to the policy of the State Association.

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I think that point is splendidly taken about the bequests.

No, the National is not keeping up a good stock of literature. I do not see that it is doing one single thing but paying rent. One of our state presidents lately went down to New York to discuss matters with Mrs. Dennett and she was told that Miss Shaw was going to run again and that the National would have to have \$40,000 for their expenses. They have not yet published the minutes. Just think of that, With all the campaigns from the different states to report. Mrs. Dennett wrote me that the reason it was not published was because one pair of hands could not do everything. She told the other state president the reason it was not published was because they did not have money enough.

Do you think the State of Kentucky would be one of several states to request Mrs. Catt to become president of the National? When Mrs. Catt and I were in Michigan she said she thought it was very necessary that some good strong hand had hold of the National work because of the chance of the National amendment. Now if Mrs. Catt could take the presidency for one year then I think some one else could be found to do it. Please answer me immediately in regard to this.

They are not doing any press work to speak of in National Headquarters now either.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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July 15, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I know you will be glad to know that the Court of Appeal has decided that the \$5000, that is the 100 shares of stock in the Cincinnati railway company which Sally McCall of Cincinnati left to Ohio to be spent by the National has been declared all right. You remember I was treasurer at the time of Mrs. McCall's death and she did not care very much for the Cincinnati suffragists and I think she wanted me to spend this money for Ohio and thought I probably would always be treasurer. So she left it to the National to be spent for Ohio thinking of course that I would have the spending of it. She talked with me somewhat about this; I guess I was the only person who knew about it. Then Mr. McCall was pretty cross because she gave so much money to colored schools and nurseries and things and he was pretty mad and would not take under the will. However he intended to do it and let us have our money and all that sort of thing. He did not seem to feel any antipathy toward our bequest but he did towards several others. In the meantime cupid came

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along although he was way up in the seventies and shot him with his arrow and he married a woman very much younger than himself. They started off on a wedding trip. He lived but four days and then the question of whether the second Mrs. McCall inherited part of the first Mrs. McCall's money had to go through the hands of the court. The lawyers all tell me that it has been a perfectly wonderful question for the lawyers themselves and everybody has been so interested in it. However it wasn't so interesting for Ohio suffragists last year when they wanted the money and I am glad that it is settled. You remember Miss Shaw loaned us \$2000 on this \$5000 for Ohio. It used to gall me last summer to have her say that she had given us \$2000 and when I had some people pin her down about it she said that it was just the same as given because of course we would never get anything from this bequest. Now we have gotten it or will get it and I am awfully glad.

I think the point you made in your last letter that the Convention should dispose of the bequest is a splendid one. I am going to push that a little.

Hastely but cordially yours,

HTU.J

Harriet Taylor Upston

Richmond, Ky.

July 16th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I thank you for so promptly letting me hear the latest news of Miss Blackwell's health. I am truly thankful for the good prospect of her improvement. I was also very glad to hear your view of the Congressional Union. It has not yet had the vote of the Membership Committee, of which I am chairman; and your opinion helps me to see how it will be considered by the Association.

Now in regard to asking Mrs. Catt to run for the presidency. I am no longer in a position to give an opinion how the delegates from Kentucky as a body would vote. Mrs. Breckinridge apparently takes very little interest in the N.A. .S.A. affairs, as she is fully occupied in our campaign in Ky. I am so glad to be relieved of this important State work, which she is doing splendidly, that I do not even try to influence her. You know that the average delegate accepts everything which those in office propose; so that I think it would be useless to say that Ky. could unite with other states in asking Mrs. Catt to run. That would have to be decided by those states more nearly in touch with the points of disagreement with the present administration. Personally, as I wrote before, I believe there is not much use in trying to restrain headstrong people; and I am more afraid of faction than I am of anything those in charge of the National can do at the present stage of affairs. It is very easy for Mrs. Bennett to talk of raising 440,000, but do you know of any large part of it which has been raised?

I am, however, very clearly and decidedly of the opinion that the whole of the N.A. .S.A. should have a voice in how the views of suffragists should be presented to Congress in any Federal legislation. There is a very wide difference of view in all the States

rights states and others on the subject of Federal legislation on suffrage. It seems pretty certain that the political status of our question has now got to that place of importance that Congress will take cognizance of it, and some legislation will finally be accomplished. What it shall be ought to be freely and impartially discussed in convention; and the Association as a whole ought to stand for the views of the suffragists of the country. I certainly think it would be rank folly for suffragists in any state supinely to submit to all this important field of work being given over to a Congressional Union, or any other body less than the National. It is not sufficient to say that the amendment now presented has been accepted by the Convention, if it has been. For until within the last year the chance of Congressional action has been too remote to attract any serious attention amongst the delegates. Now it has become different by the very activities of the several states; and why any small society of women should arrogate the direction of this legislation is, to use your very appropriate words, a "usurpation", - one with which I have no sympathy.

Let me hear from you when you have leisure; and let me hear the suffrage news. I never get any of the inside news except the few times some one writes to me.

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Miss Clay;-

I am sending you a letter from Mrs. Park because it contains a lot of things which you will want to know. I feel very sure that she would be glad to have you know them too but I would a little rather you would not say anything about my sending the letter. When I went off of the National Board and no longer heard things which you all were knowing, I did feel so isolated and now that I am in a position to know some things which you do not know I am anxious that you should know them also.

I do wish we could in some way get Mrs. FitzGerald off the Board. The Boston people were perfectly incensed because Miss Shaw and Mrs. FitzGerald had gone into Massachusetts and organized a southern state association in opposition to the old State Association. They say it did untold harm because these old people were not willing to ^{tell} these new ^{ly} organized people what they were getting into. No ^w one does have ^a delicacy, and so they were just standing it and waiting result. Even Mrs. Page who was so loath ^b to believe anything finally has gotten her eyes open and she is perfectly dumfounded ^a at many things happening. I do wonder how all of this will come out.

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#2LC

By the way that \$5000 which Mrs. McCall left the National Association for work in Ohio has been declared by the courts to be all right and so the National will get the money pretty soon. You remember that I got the Business Committee to vote that that money should be spent as the Ohio Convention Committee wished. Now I am wondering whether the National will stand by this vote. I have not mentioned this to anybody and I do not want you to. I want to get the date of that vote and be all prepared for it at the next National convention. Somehow I cannot bear to have these bequests spent for rent and meetings of the advisory committee and all that kind of thing when the money was really given for active field work. If Ohio could have the bequests which the National gets in just one year we would carry the State.

I suppose you know we are working just as hard as we can work, preparatory work for the next campaign. Some of the counties which did nothing before are at it now and it does me so much good, for instance, Franklin county is organizing itself splendidly. They have two open air meetings a week and some weeks they will have three, two in front of the State House and one in one of the parks, and they are organizing by precincts. The Cleveland people are of course working like everything and if we can trust report Cincinnati has really got at something which is really going to be worth while. They have been such a fighting, jumbling lot that they have been very trying.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Weston

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July 29, 1913.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending you a mortgage, I mean a mortgage note, and I wish you would return the mortgage you have and the note on the property on Youngstown Avenue.

Earl Williams

Mr. Præer has built five pretty houses on an addition in what seems to me the best part of towns and the one on which I took the mortgage for you, a man wants to buy for cash outright. Mr. Præer of course wants to sell and as he has been very kind to me, helped me with many loans, and as the new house is better and larger than the first one this loan is really better than other and so I promised to release this the/one. As soon as you return the mortgage and the note I will have the mortgage recorded and send to you.

I am dictating this in great haste to catch mail for now that the man has bought the house he can't wait to get possession hardly.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

P. S. I sent you Mrs. Park's letter yesterday.

Some one once asked Miss Aubrey whether people crowding, gossipping her did not bother her & she replied not as much as it did when no one would come near her. So with this business I used to worry because

I was fearful in our slow going
town I might for close white men
with our great-mill with a
1000 workman people are so
prosperous they pay up for
soon -

Mr. Upton says you are mighty
kind to always include him
in your letters

Harriet T. Upton
Real Estate Mortgages and Loans
Masonic Building

Warren, O. August 2, 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

The mortgage and note came this morning and the new one has been sent to the Recorder's office for record. I forgot to tell you to sign the mortgage saying that the conditions of the mortgage had been complied with but they allowed me to sign it here. I think though for safety and so that I might have it on file you better give me a power of attorney for that business. Just write something like the following: I hereby desire Harriet T. Upton to act as my agent in all business matters concerning the mortgage of Earl Williams, and whatever the other name is. Then I can file that with the mortgage when it is returned in my box in the bank and then if any question should ever come up about my having signed the mortgage I would have the power of attorney.

Cordially yours,

HTU.J

Harriet T. Upton

BOSTON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

552-554 LITTLE BUILDING

TELEPHONE BEACH 6310

"We are indeed bound to be brave, active and joyful in doing each one to the very utmost, what we can, with all our might and with all our heart and with all our soul."

PAULINE AGASSIZ SHAW.

August 13, 1919.

Dear Fellow-Suffragist:

The passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment through Congress virtually ends the long struggle for woman suffrage in the United States. In this hour of victory the thoughts of every suffragist turn in grateful memory to the long list of those whose devotion, toil, and sacrifice have made the victory possible. One generation of noble workers has passed away and only a few of a second generation remain. Along with the sorrow for Dr. Shaw's death, we rejoice that she lived to see the triumph of the cause to which she had given her life.

During this year which has held the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Lucy Stone, suffragists everywhere have been reminded of the debt we owe to her, to Henry B. Blackwell, and to their daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell. It has occurred to some of us that this would be a fitting time to express our affection for Miss Blackwell and at the same time to conclude the celebration of the Lucy Stone Centennial in an enduring way.

Miss Blackwell has long wished to write her mother's life. Since Massachusetts has ratified the Federal Amendment, her duties as President of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association will not require so much of her time and she will be free to devote herself to this task. In order to do so she must have the help of a secretary to go through the mass of material and assist in preparing the manuscript. There is other valuable historical matter which ought to be preserved and which she alone can record. We believe the suffragists of the country will delight to give her the assistance she needs to do this.

Miss Blackwell's birthday comes on September 14th. A birthday gift of \$5000 would make it possible for her to do what she would like above everything else; would preserve for those who have entered into the inheritance prepared for them a story they will want to recall; and would be a slight token of our love for Miss Blackwell and of our appreciation of her lifetime of service to our beloved cause.

The plan has the hearty and sincere approval of our National President, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

The undersigned committee have undertaken to raise this sum and ask the help of suffrage organizations and individuals suffragists. May we hear from you?

Any letters of greeting which may accompany the gifts will be bound and given to Miss Blackwell when the contributions are presented. Please use paper 6 x 9, that the size may be uniform. The list of those who make the publication of the record possible will be included in the published volume as substantial evidence of their appreciation of the loyalty and service given the cause of Woman Suffrage by Lucy Stone, Henry B. Blackwell, and Alice Stone Blackwell.

Contributions or pledges should be sent as soon as possible to Mrs. Wenona Osborne Pinkham, 553 Little Building, Boston, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Maud Wood Park

Harriet Taylor Upton

Ida Porter Boyer

(Mrs. Charles Sumner) Anna Child Bird

(Mrs. Robert Gould) Isabella Pratt Shaw

Wenona Osborne Pinkham

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August, 22nd 1913.

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed find the mortgaged deed of *Earla & Maym C Williams*

Mr Bartholomew will pay your interest to-morrow or next day.

It was due the 15th. He wanted to pay off one of the notes and I had to have some correspondence about it. I advised him to pay the one which is due Mrs. Patchin because she has some additional money to put with this and will make another loan.

The chances here now for making money in real estate are enough to make my hair turn gray.

Gordially yours,

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August 23rd, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been looking over the National Constitution and I see that State Societies can be admitted to the National Society, in a state where there are two societies, when auxiliaryship has been refused. Now then on what grounds was the Equal Franchised League of Cincinnati admitted to the National. It never applied to the State Association for admission. We were just getting ready to amalgamate all of our Cincinnati forces when some one told Mrs. ^{Worthington} ~~Downsend~~ she could have an association herself and be auxiliary to the National. Her association is in no sense a State association. She has an individual or two in several counties but her association is a Cincinnati one. I doubt if she has 300 members, although Miss Hauser thinks ^{she} ~~they~~ may have ~~it~~ I feel sure that Susan B. Anthony Club has more members and more widely scattered than has the Worthington Club.

I have a long letter from ^{Miss} ~~Miss~~ Mc. Cullough which I will send you when Miss Hauser has read it, she will be up Sunday. She has had a lot of sickness in the family and has not been to the office except two or three times the last three weeks. I really feel more

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anxious about her than I do about the sick ones,

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

Harriet C. Upton
Real Estate Mortgages and Loans
Masonic Building

Warren, O. Sept. 2, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$26.46 which is interest due you from Bartholomew August 15th. There was a few days delay in his sending it because he took up one of the notes, the one Mrs. Patchin held. I loaned him \$500 on a piece of property out of town a thing I never do so I wanted him to pay that note first. Your interest was \$27.00 and minus my 54 cents leaves \$26.46.

Miss Hauser has been away from the office four weeks and with all the County Fairs and field work together with the regular work I am just about on my last legs. Mr. Upton and I are going away Wednesday for a week's rest and when the train pulls away I am not going to think a thing about this office.

Please let me know that you receive this check.

Hastily but cordially yours,

HCU.J

Harriet Taylor Upton
Receipted Sept. 5.

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 3rd, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your letter enclosing the mortgage in place of the Williams mortgage. I left it in Richmond, and cannot refer to it by name.

I am perfectly overwhelmed with work and hot weather. I am going frequently on speaking expeditions, and then I must attend to my farm, so you must excuse me when I do not answer promptly.

In regard to admitting Miss Worthington's society, you will observe that the constitution says, Article III, sec. I, that "Societies now auxiliary to our state association, etc." That society was not auxiliary to the Ohio Suffrage Asso. at the time it asked for direct membership, and so did not come under that provision. I think it is to be regretted that we have all these new auxiliaries; but the point was carried after strong resistance, and cannot be helped.

In the case of the admission of the Congressional Union, as Chairman of the Membership Committee, I have ruled that it aims to be a National Association, and therefore must be admitted only by a two-thirds vote of the whole Executive Committee. I wrote my ruling both to Miss Paul and to the Official Board. I have heard from neither of them since.

Thank you for your copy of letter to Miss Paul; and for letting me see Mrs. McCulloch's letter, which I enclose.

I am very sorry to hear of the sickness in Miss Hauser's family and of her own poor health. Please give my love to her; and my hopes

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that the health of all will improve with the cooler weather.

Very cordially yours,

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Sept. 22. 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Con.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$29.40 interest due you from Cora Turner on the 24th this month. This is minus my commission of 60¢.

Mrs. Turner paid her interest ahead of time.

With the best of good wishes, I am always

Lovingly yours,

HTU/PB

Harriet Taylor Upton

Ans. Oct. 4, 1913.

Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 23rd, 1911.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I was so glad to get your letter; and also the letters I re-enclose which Elizabeth Hauser sent me.

Yes, I read your letter to the Journal twice over, and enjoyed it thoroughly. You always have such sensible views; and you manage to express them so good-naturedly. It is impossible to take offense and bristle up, as they at headquarters did both at my letter and Mrs. McCulloch's. I am glad to know that you see I could not avoid voting to take the headquarters' lease till Febr. 1st. Since I wrote to you I have learned that neither Mrs. Dennett nor Miss Ashley knew till in April that Mrs. Belmont would not continue her donations after Aug. 1st. This relieves my feeling that they were just going on their own way without thinking how it would make me feel and appear not knowing anything of what was going on. But the situation remains a very difficult one. You know we never could have gone to New York without Mrs. Belmont's donations. You know how near we came to having to vacate these headquarters after the N.Y. Board meeting. You know the Mrs. Belmont's pledge was put into the printed minutes, and we had a lease drawn up so that we could not again be liable to be put out without notice. Now we learn that she quietly withdraws from her pledge just in mid-year, leaving us without headquarters, or obliged to pay what is far beyond our means. Did I mention that she promised to give \$1000 from Aug. to Aug. if we stayed in New York? But as the Board could not get a majority to stay that long with only a gift of one thousand dollars without consulting the Convention we are not getting any of that
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\$1000 as far as I have been informed; though the three at headquarters *and urged that as a consideration for ceasing* were very confident that she would pay pro rata for six months. Now the situation is this: and I would be glad to have your views on it. We are in N.Y. till febr. 1st, and we had hard work to raise the money to pay for that time. You observe that this is practically the third time the Asso. has depended upon Mrs. Belmont's gifts to sustain headquarters in N.Y. and each and every time she has failed to do what was expected of her. In short, we have held headquarters each time on conditions of her choosing. The three there are set on staying in N.Y., but so far no one has turned up to pay, except Mrs. Belmont. If there is another offer made at Louisville, from her, after our three experiences, do you think the convention ought again to accept, with the precedent that it is likely to be set down again just between conventions? If not, what ought to be done? You know the amount of money the headquarters is swallowing up. Also, I am suffering some disquietude about the Woman's Journal? Despite the fact that Miss Blackwell works without salary, and helps financially some, and that Miss Ryan has really done wonders, the Journal is costing the National a great deal of money. I have not heard anything said of going to Boston for headquarters; But if it could be proved to be much cheaper or greatly better for the Journal, it seems to me an idea which ought to be considered. Miss Shaw thinks it is "suicidal" to give up Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Bennett will not go further from her children than N.Y. I have no regard for Miss Shaw's "suicidal" after the Potter incident; and I do not know whether Mrs. Bennett is really very valuable or not. Her crude notions about the work and the constitution have injured my esteem of her judgment; but I am willing to make allowances for her inexperience, if she is really valuable. Think of her saying "More office-holding is not service" with Mrs. McCulloch out in California racing around the course

try in an auto, speaking from three to five times a day, and paying her own expenses! It must come from ignorance, or she ought to be ashamed. You must not think I am telling Board secrets, for I think the facts I have mentioned must become public property at the convention, and I am really desirous of having the help of your advice, after your long experience with the very two questions which perplex me most,- the headquarters and the Journal. Personally, I am strongly of the opinion that Washington is the logical place for headquarters; and it is not an expensive place. But the W. Journal is now our one big enterprise; and Washington does not seem to be popular with the convention. I am not insistent upon that. I only wish I could be sure that we can raise the money to stay in any city. We did not know how well off we were in Warren. If you were certainly coming to the convention, I would not trouble you with this long letter; but unless we are content to let the Asso. fall to pieces from mismanagement we must all put on our thinking caps. Geographically, Boston is not as good a place as either Chicago or Washington. But I judge from Miss Blackwell's letter in the last Journal she intends to stand by her rights in the Journal, and I think she is wise.

I think you are mistaken in thinking Miss Shew can undermine you with the Association. Too many know of your long and valuable services.

Well, I must not weary you. Do write me a letter full of "advice"; though it may be like that of that Advisory Council, to be taken when agreeable!

Very cordially yours,