

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 3rd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I beg pardon for being remiss in answering your letters promptly. I am a good deal on my farm, where I do not receive letters. But I really had no preference about the votes which have been decided without mine. About Miss Penfoeld's future field, however, I have opinions. I would not advise sending any one to New Mexico at this late date, unless Mrs. Bolles, who has been doing a little work there should entreat for some one. I do not think the Greaser women would commend suffrage to the country in general, and the effort to give New Mexico women suffrage might hinder our cause in Arizona. But without arguing this, I am confident we have no chance there at this late date, as their election comes off Sept. 6th, and the convention sits thirty days later. But I would be delighted to have Miss Penfield go to Oklahoma, if Mrs. Biggers would like to have her. Mrs. Boyer is very desirous of more field workers, especially Southern women. Miss Penfield would just fill the bill. I am very weary of the S. Dakota women, though I have always regretted that we did not leave their campaign entirely in their management, with such financial help as we could give. Therefore it is an essential part of my recommendation to send Miss Penfield to Oklahoma that she shall have no position of any sort of authority there, but shall be entirely under the direction of Mrs. Biggers.

I suppose you received some time ago a letter from Miss Mary E. Chase

stating that her health now promises to be good enough to go to work for the Asso. in September. As she is highly valued by the Board I suggest that now we have asked nominees for the Resolutions Committee, Penfield that we immediately offer Miss Chase. She is a woman of much discretion, and a good worker. I recommend that we take steps at once to find if this would be acceptable to the Board. I vote for President ~~Arden~~ to act as chairman on Industrial Affairs.

I am glad to hear that you are going to engage a stenographer to do your official writing. I had intended in some of my previous letters, as soon as I found that you had not done so, to say that I thought you ought to have done so at once. It shows how hurried Miss Shaw was in her preparations that she had not arranged for you to have some one. I had supposed provided Mrs. Biggers desires her to come. I vote to remove her from S. Dakota, and send her at once to Oklahoma, to go abroad. she had done so. I think now that your Illinois Asso. should bring in a bill to refund for the aid its stenographer has given to the National.

I enclose my votes on the last slips sent out.

I am reading with delight the accounts of your auto campaign.

Very cordially yours,

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, *Aug. 7* 191*0*

Ans. Aug. 9.

My dear Miss Clay:

Well, I am in Suffrage Headquarters now to stay until Nov., or as long as I am able. I expect to last until the end of our campaign and have enough left of me to get home, any way.

Mrs. Boyer left early this morning to attend a big picnic at Shawnee, will get home tonight and tomorrow we will go to attend a picnic near the home of Mrs. Lillie M. Allen (perhaps you may remember her) in Caddo Co. That is, I am going if I find that I have received the nomination for Com. of Charities at Tuesdays primary election. This morning's paper says that I have as far as ~~was~~ known, but you know sometimes early reports change somewhat. Personally,

I will be only too glad to be defeated but-if it-gives
the ~~the~~ great-cause a better chance to win to have me
in the ranks of the candidates-I am ready to try for
success. The "grandfather" amendment-to the constitution
carried and a lot of men will either have to find another
excuse for voting against-suffrage or else vote for
it. I really think, myself, that as a rule it-has been
only an excuse for it-is very absurd to keep 10 or 12
white women from voting because one black one
might do so if she wanted to do so. Really, I believe
our chances for winning are better for the result.

Now, Miss Clay, when can you come into the State
to work? We would like you as soon as it-is convenient-
for you to come. The weather has been intensely hot-
even for Oklahoma but-there was a good little rain
last-night-with good prospect-for more. Today is
cloudy and comfortable, and we may not-have any
more weather so particularly bad. Also, will you kindly
tell us your terms? We value your work more than
you can imagine and look forward, not-only the

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OKLAHOMA CITY, 191.....

To the help which we feel sure you will be to us, but to the wise council which we know you can give, and last-but-by no means least, for the great-pleasure of having you with us.

We will probably be at Mrs. Allens over Sunday and Mrs. Boyer wrote her that if she could secure a church for her for Sunday we would stay over.

I came over her Tuesday.

There is a little bit of a chance yet that our old friend (?) "Alfalza Bil" has been nominated for Governor. Wouldn't it be awful?

Hoping to hear from you soon I am very sincerely
 Yours
 Kate H. Biggers

Address me at Headquarters.

August 5, 1910.

Member of the Official Board;

On July 22 I sent out three questions on which you were to vote:

1st. As to the nomination of some one on Resolutions Committee to fill Mrs Page's place; Dennett, Stewart, ~~Blackwell~~ McCulloch nominated Harper. Blackwell and Ashley did not reply. Gordon & Clay no one. Therefore Harper is the nominee.

2nd. As to chairmanship of Committee on Industrial affairs Dennett, Stewart, Gordon, Clay, & McCulloch vote for first choice for Breckenridge, tho Miss Gordon would prefer to have the Board discuss the policy of the committee first. If Blackwell and Ashley who have not voted agree with Miss Gordon in keeping the matter open, open it shall be for further discussion. If nothing comes from them further, Breckenridge is elected.

There is no reason why the Board should not now discuss and define the scope of this committee. I see little likelihood of any Board meeting in the near future as the Treasury is too low to permit much travelling about by the Board.

3rd. Miss Penfield's enforced vacation will be paid for by the National, according to the vote of Dennett, Clay, Stewart and McCulloch. Gordon votes yes on condition that her contract so provides; Blackwell and Ashley do not vote. As to sending Miss Penfield elsewhere, Gordon & Clay suggest Oklahoma until Arizona is ready. Dennett & McCulloch suggest New Mexico which Clay is hopeless. Stewart reports that Mrs. Avery would be glad to get Penfield in the Fall for Pennsylvania and thinks she might wait a little longer at her Uncle's until Miss Shaw's return. In the diversity of opinions I am asking Miss Penfield whether she can not wait at her Uncle's, without any expense to the National, till Miss Shaw's return. Who knows when Miss Shaw will return? As I get no replies from Miss Ashley recently I fear she may also be away. Miss Clay suggests the possibility of securing Miss Chase for South Dakota if acceptable. I will inquire, tho South Dakota merits much less forgiving treatment by Mother National.

On July 25 I sent out a vote as to the acceptance of Miss Blackwell's generous offer of the bound volumes of Woman's Journal for the Headquarters. Blackwell and Ashley make no response, but Dennett, Gordon, Clay, Stewart, & McCulloch accept with appreciative thanks. That motion is carried.

Miss Blackwell has sent Mrs. Stewart and me a copy of her interesting letter to Mrs. Dennett, Miss Ashley & Miss Ryan. All these matters are really in the province of our Editor-in-Chief. I have seen none of the English papers as good as Woman's Journal and it would be wise to copy them only on the lines where they excel us. The reasons why long articles and State correspondence go on the inside, and briefer and later news on the outside pages are clear. The allied topics, equal pay for equal work, joint guardianship of children, opposition to state regulation of vice and kindred topics, we can

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not throw aside as alien to suffrage work. Even the jokes seem to attract the heavy intellects of the male members of my family.

We should make our changes in Journal appearance so gradually as not to shock old friends and Miss Blackwell herself can tell best when.

The few years experience I had in helping run the Illinois state paper and sharing with Mrs. Springer in the monthly deficit never made a journalist out of me, and I dare say the rest of the Official Board with not much more experience will feel that their laywomen's suggestions must be weighed carefully by our one professional journalist Miss Blackwell. When she has the names of her five or more Contributing Editors ready for me to submit to the Board for approval, I will so submit them.

I understand that she had personally raised the money to pay Mrs. Adkinson up to September 1, when her employment ceases.

I am enclosing copy of Mrs. Sheldon's South Dakota Headquarters report.

Yours truly,

Catherine Waugh McClure

I vote for
Resolutions Committee.

as a member of the Resolu-

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August 5, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I have been praying a long while for a letter from you, but, like your physical person, when your letter comes it completely fills up every gap. Every question is answered, and does credit to your cool level head.

I too, am weary of the South Dakato women. I have had no letter from Miss Chase, but make the suggestion as coming from you in my letter to the Board. I am enclosing a copy of Mrs. Sheldon's monthly report for her work in South Dakato. I have asked her to have one ready on the 13th of August. I do not know whether the organizers out in the field have been rendering such a report, but I think it desirable. Her report does not begin to average up with the amount of work we get out from our Illinois Headquarters with one \$9.00 stenographer, but I shall not make any public complaint. I am glad you approve my engaging a stenographer for three weeks. Of course I had no idea when you elected me Vice-President that the office would be anything more than ornamental, and then when Miss Shaw went I was staggered at the responsibility, and with Mrs. Dennett out of the office for three weeks I feel another weight added.

However by sending frequent letters to the Board covering all the more important matters, and securing their advice I feel less worried about making mistakes.

Thanks for your kind words about the Automobile campaign. It is hard work, but I believe we have done splendid work.

Yours truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

Richmond, Ky?

Aug. 6th, 1910.

Dear Miss Ryan,

Please let me know what is the price of the Shares of the stock of the Woman's Journal. I am so much pleased with the transfer to the National W.S.A., and if I can, I would like to sell one or two shares for you.

My sister, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Richmond, Kentucky, asks me to enclose you a draft for three dollars, which is for the payment of her subscription for the Journal on the new terms of one dollar, and a subscription for the Journal to be sent to the Eastern Normal School, Richmond, K Kentucky. Mrs. Bennett is in arrears ~~for the~~ for the Journal since last January, and she sends one dollar to pay arrears. Please continue to send to her present address, Richmond, Kentucky.

I am observing with interest all you are doing for the Journal. I hope you feel encouraged, in spite of the difficulties you must meet in reorganizing all the business details incident to the new status of the paper.

Please remember me to Miss Blackwell when she returns.

Very cordially yours,

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 6th, 1910.

My dear Miss Ashley,

The Ky. E. R. A. pledged \$100.00 at Washington. I have already paid \$62.70, and have Mrs. Upton's receipt for it. I now enclose a N. Y. draft for forty dollars, of which \$37.30 is for the balance of the Ky. E. R. A. pledge, and the \$2.70 a donation. Both from Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Richmond, Ky. Please receipt to her for the forty dollars.

Also a N. Y. draft for \$112.00, a special donation to the Oklahoma campaign. \$60.00 of this is from Mrs. Bennett also, and receipt should be sent her. The \$57.00 is part of the interest of the Laura Bruce legacy, of which I am trustee; and I wish the receipt sent to me, Laura Clay, Trustee. In order to save you trouble I have sent two drafts, and the one for Oklahoma needs simply your endorsement to Mrs. Kate H. Biggers, Marlow, Oklahoma. Mrs. Upton always preferred that these special donations should pass through the hands of the National Treasurer, and as I suppose you desire the same I am sending them through you. Please send to Mrs. Biggers, instead of to the Oklahoma treasurer. Mrs. Biggers is my personal friend, and I prefer to send to her.

In a letter to Mrs. McCulloch I advise that Miss Penfield be withdrawn from S. Dakota, where they seem not to value her, and sent to Oklahoma, if Mrs. Biggers desires it. Mrs. Boyer feels the need of more help in the field, and thinks southern women are particularly valuable. Therefore, I would like Miss Penfield to go there. Whilst we have so many campaigns on hand I do not think we can afford to send our organizers to states where there are no campaigns; and I wrote Mrs. McCulloch that I did not think we had any chance in New Mexico, as their election comes off on Sept. 12th, and the

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convention sits thirty days later. I am pleased to see that Lee Cruce
is in the lead for the Democratic nomination for Governor, as he is the
candidate whom Mrs. Boyer thinks most favorable to our cause. He is now
16000 in the lead, so I suppose later returns will not destroy his chances.
The primary elections were held on Aug. 2nd.

Very sincerely yours,

MAX DANZIGER, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT.

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Lexington, Ky. August 8th. 1910.

My Dear Miss Clay:

On May 29th. the insurance policy on property No 718 North Broadway which you insured with me for three years expired, and I renewed same for three years, the premium amounting to \$ 13.30. It was insured in the name of Miss Laura Clay Trustee, I called at your home and you were not at home, and again to-day when Mrs Graves gave me your address, Please let me know if it is all right and oblige,

Yours respectfully.

Wm M. Irvine

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Wm M. J. J. J.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

Aug. 9th 1910

My dear Miss Clay:

I have sent a receipt to Mrs. Bennett for the checks received from you, but enclose a receipt for you also. Many thanks.

I quite agree with you that Miss Penfield should be withdrawn from S. Dakota, but I am not quite so sure that we should send her anywhere else. S. D. I think should be left alone for the present - strictly!

I hope you are having a pleasant summer.

Sincerely Yours,

Jessie Ashley.

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Sally C. Bennett
On books.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Chicago, Aug. 10, 1910.

Member of Official Board:

It is good news for us all that Miss Shaw has landed, and to her should you turn in your vote on Chairman of Resolutions Committee. Miss Ashley nominates Miss Elinor Byrnes of New York. This name and Mrs. Harpers are the only ones presented.

Miss Ashley reports that the amounts of money in the Treasury August 1st, were as follows-

Thomas Garret Fund	\$7583.44
General Fund	10.94
Press Fund (Belmont)	278.48
	<u>\$7873.86</u>

Among unpaid salaries she lists Sheldon, \$75.00(?) Penfield, \$90.00, Böyer, May, June, & July?, Aylesworth, June & July, \$500.00(?) Gregg, June & July?.

She says our \$75.00 per month for three months rent is unpaid, other bills, \$396.14, Journal bills, including Ryan's salary \$571.90. Miss Ryan has \$633.29 to send on, but when it comes in, Miss Ashley thinks there will be still \$12.00 and more unpaid beside the regular headquarters clerkhire of \$65.54 per week.

We are glad to know the facts though they are solemn ones.

It is a bad time to speak about Mrs. Sheldon's request for a Swedish woman for South Dakota. I told you I would write Mrs. Emmy Carlson Ewald. She could go Sept. 10 to Sept. 24. This is so short a time I have written again asking about October. She wants to know what the salary will be, and I suppose we dare not offer her less than \$200.00 per month. I can ask her for less if you say so. She was a Rockford College girl, and one of our ablest and most successful.

Her husband, until his death last year, was pastor of the largest Lutheran Church in the U. S. and she at the head of the women in Augustana Synod. She can speak to English audiences as well as Swedish.

I suppose every Lutheran clergyman and every Swedish one knew her husband and father and her.

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She asks about Swedish literature. I suppose there is none. She and I together might translate a few short ones if you wish, and if you want her. Please report speedily to Miss Shaw what you think.

I have also unloaded on Miss Shaw the Sheldon-Panfield correspondence, and you can imagine my relief.

Miss Gregg writes August 6th, enthusiastically about their zealous friends, the Labor Party. I urge herto make friends also among the members of the two older parties who are quite liable to buy up or scare off the unsophisticated leaders of newer movements.

Since Mrs. _____ of Washington came to Chicago to raise funds out of Mrs. Stewart, we have heard nothing.

Mrs. Boyer has sent me no news from Oklahoma since Miss Shaw left. I suppose her regular monthly reports go to Headquarters! It would be well if these organizers' monthly reports could be duplicated at Headquarters for all Board members, and I hereby move that it be so done in the future.

Illinois is a sort of storm center these hot days. I shall go off on another suffrage automobile tour August 18, covering six counties, and meet Mrs. Stewart August 22nd, and go with her into about seven more counties.

Catharine Wough McCulloch

Mrs. Johnson writes that Paule Panfield is needed near Deadwood.

August 12th 1910

It is my desire to place briefly before you the progress of the campaign in Washington. We stand a splendid chance to win if we have immediate financial assistance. We have three State Organizations,- the Association of which Mrs. DeVoe is President; the League with Mrs. Hutton for President, and the Equal Franchise Society, with Mrs. Homer M. Hill as President, and which I am particularly representing. Mrs. Hutton/^{who} is confining her work to the east side of the mountains, is assisted by Minnie Reynolds. They plan to deliver the east side of the state for Suffrage, and judging from their energy and success, they will do so. Mrs. DeVoe has worked earnestly with the Grange, ably assisted by Mrs. Lord of that body. She is now conducting a vigorous precinct canvass. Our Equal Franchise Society, with Mrs. Hill for President, was organized after the Exposition closed last Fall, and has Headquarters at 506 Leary Building, Seattle. During the winter we gave a series of luncheons at our best hotels, at which Suffrage speeches were made. We concentrated our efforts on the society and club women, and so successful have we been that although the organizer for the Anti-Suffrage Society has been four times to our city, she has been unable to organize.

The liquor interests have troubled of their own. So much of our state is voting itself "dry" and everywhere the Anti-

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Saloon League is putting up such a vigorous fight ~~xxx~~ ^{that} the Liquor Party has neither the time nor the money to spend in fighting us. In this connection, Mr. George A. Smith, formerly of Colorado, has been unremitting in his efforts to show the machine and strong party politicians what has been done in Colorado; how the women have remembered their friends and not forgotten their enemies. So successful has he been that the belief is strong among them that we are going to win, and while they may not vote for us, they will at least leave us alone. As we require but a majority of votes cast on the question, this attitude does us little harm.

In previous campaigns, our amendment has had the misfortune to be bracketed with at least one ^{unpopular} other amendment. This time, the other amendment is one favored by the politicians, namely electing the Governor in the "off" year.

Already, Mrs. Bassett has a captain in every precinct in Snohomish County, one of our largest and most populous counties. Mrs. Smith has her entire fourteenth ward of Seattle organized, besides supplying a daily column in the Seattle Star, a working-man's paper. The Seattle Times and Seattle Post-Intelligencer are offering us more space than we can keep filled. Much press work could be done if funds were available. Much literature is being sent out and with excellent results.

Beside the local workers, there are but two speakers at work, namely, Minnie Reynolds, east of the mountains, and Mrs. DeVoe at large, and this in our large state.

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Mrs. Hill's Equal Franchise Society is working hard at the Labor Unions in the Puget Sound cities. There are one hundred and sixty Unions in Seattle alone, to say nothing of Tacoma, Everett and Bellingham. Miss Martha Gruening of New York is speaking every night to Unions and is assisted by local workers.

For four years the campaign has been going on. We have apparently combed the last Suffrage dollar from our own state, and within three months of the end we face defeat if our treasury is not replenished. Between three and four thousand dollars will save the day if the money is procured immediately, for in every direction we are hampered for want of funds. A quick and generous response to this appeal will secure the fifth state for Suffrage. All over this nation we need the impetus of that fifth state. Let us have the impetus.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, August 15, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

I have your letter of August 9th, and when I stop to think how insufferably warm it is to day, I think perhaps the heat of our mid-summer would be too intense for you. I write this reluctantly, because we are greatly in need of southern women to help us in the campaign. If Pearl Penfield is a Texan, she will no doubt be accustomed to a warm summer, and from what I hear of Texas, I believe that Oklahoma summers are more bearable than those of Texas. I shall act upon your suggestion and am writing to Mrs. McCulloch and to Mrs. Dennett imploring them to let us have Miss Penfield until our Amendment is voted upon. We are having a financial stringency here almost bordering on a panic and we are finding it almost impossible to raise funds. We have managed to keep things going locally so far, and if the Board would let us have Miss Penfield it would be a very God-send to us. She could take the Southern tier of counties and do very effective work during the picnic season especially. If we learn definitely that there is to be a special election, I will write you as soon as

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we are informed and trust we can put in a force of workers.
We feel so elated over the thought of a special election that
it would be almost too good to be true in our case. I am busy
just at present with my own campaign, but I still find sufficient
time to help with Headquarters affairs.

Cordially Yours,

Kati H. Biggers

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

It was very pleasing indeed to receive your letter of August 6th, and I am glad to know that you are interested in shares of The Woman's Journal stock. We are having more letters in regard to the shares than I would have dreamed possible in such a short time. You will be interested to know that we have already sold eight and have the checks for them all. One woman alone ordered five, sending us her check for \$500.00.

The price of the shares is \$100.00 each and on receipt of a check made payable to The Woman's Journal, we shall have the number of shares ordered transferred and a certificate of ownership sent. We have only a limited number to sell and I think the prospects are good for disposing of them all. I hope that you will decide to have at least one of them. The suffragists who have been loyal through the years and have been workers when the cause was less popular are the ones I should like to see owners of these shares of our stock. I think they deserve it. It is honorable business in my estimation to own shares in this stock and it is vital suffrage business, because

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shares mean votes. In controlling the paper, I am planning to write to all of the life members and see if many of them do not want to buy shares. I have felt all along that they perhaps were the most logical owners.

Your draft for \$3.00 is received and the order was entered as you indicated. You have doubtless received a receipt for this long before this. Thank you very much.

Everything is going very well and I wish I had time to tell you a few of the encouraging facts. For one thing we are getting paying advertisements. ^{and} The subscriptions are almost literally pouring in.

Every time I get a letter from anyone who ^{was} is in Washington, it brings most pleasant and vivid memories to my mind; that was my first convention and how I enjoyed it!

Hoping to hear from you again in the near future, I am

Yours sincerely,

Agnes E. Ryan

Business Manager.

Marlow Okla. Aug. 23-1910.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you so much for your last donation to our work in Oklahoma. Some way you seem to always come in the time when we are scared to death for fear we will be bankrupt - just when we are nearing the end of our resources. Mrs. Boyer has had nothing from the National for so long a time that her private fund, upon which we always draw to keep Headquarters going, is just about gone and you know expenses must be met - or we are homeless. We always want to keep your gifts for some special occasion.

We are all very, very, busy. Sunday night - I came over from Oklahoma City with Mrs. Boyer to Chickasha to attend the Later Conventions. Yesterday (Monday) P.M. I came on home. She expected to speak last night - but when I left at 4 P.M. was uncertain whether she could get away this morning or not - until night, as she was anxious to wait until the suffrage resolutions (which she was asked to write) was voted upon. Tomorrow she goes to Bridgeport to attend a session of "The Blue and the Gray" where she expects to speak Thurs. Friday she comes down here to speak at a picnic here on that day - I have just heard by phone from one of the com. or speakers that he had just been talking with her and she said she might have to leave here Friday on a late night

Train. Something new has come up since I saw
her yesterday. I want to tell you of her Sunday's
work. She got up at 5 o'clock and got her press work
ready for mail. (This was an "off" Sun. with, she expected,
little to do.) Next she wrote the resolutions for Labor Con.
and prepared a lot of ^{and packed her grip for a 10 days trip.} coppers. Immediately after
dinner 5 young men came to get help from her
for a debate. St. Luke's Church - M. E. - the young men's
society - ~~has~~ and the young men's society of the White
Temple (Baptist) are to have a debate upon woman
suffrage. They had a trial debate last week to select
the best and as I understand it will have another
trial selecting the debaters again, before the final bout
comes off. The same young men went to her before
the first trial and were very proud of having
won out in the first battle. They were very enthusiastic
about it. They stayed so long she barely made the
train.

Just had a phone message from her and I will
go with her to Bridgeport - meeting her at El Reno
tomorrow morning.

She begins the next week with preaching in
Marlow in the morning, and in Rush Springs

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at night and Monday night at a school
house 4 miles west of Rush Springs. Isn't that
a pretty busy week?

I have written you so hurriedly - there were so
many things to see to when I got home - and it
is nearly dark now.

Very sincerely yours

Kate H. Biggers.

And I almost forgot what I particularly
wanted to say. We hope you can soon come
into the State and let Mrs. Boyer know as soon
as possible at what date so she can prepare a
route for you immediately upon coming in.

COPY:

August 25, 1910.

National A. W. S. A.,
505 Fifth Avenue.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed circular has been prepared by a committee of women called by the Women's Prison Association to formulate objections to the prostitution clauses of the Page bill, which goes in force on Sept. 1, as the Governor has said it is up to the women of the state to show objections and get the clause changed. The whole emphasis has been thrown on the sanitary fallacy, as the upholders of the bill take refuge in the health argument. It is the wish of the committee to get as many organizations of women as possible to sign and thus endorse this resistance to the regulation of vice, and I would be grateful for a reply from the Association stating whether it is willing to do this. We are of course also asking the state Association to do the same and to order some circulars for distribution. The National I suppose would not care to order a quantity for this purpose, but if it would, the cost will vary from one to two cents apiece according to the size of order we can give the printer. I should be indebted for an early reply, so that we may not keep the printer waiting longer than the time he agreed to wait.

I am very sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. L. Dock.

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Dear Member

of National Church Work Committee:

Having accepted the chairmanship of the National Church Work Committee for another year, it seems to me that, the very best work the Committee can do, is to assist along that line of work in some of the four states, where an amendment to the Constitution, to grant suffrage to women, is pending.

The women in the states of Washington and South Dakota have written very urgent letters to your chairman asking for some help in carrying on their campaign among the church people, and in South Dakota it seems that, they are encountering real opposition from many ministers, who should be their chief supporters.

The Campaign Committee in South Dakota have offered to pay my travelling expenses, if I would come to Dakota and lead the Church Campaign movement in person. The call is so urgent that, I do not see how it can be refused, and so I have decided to go about the middle of September to remain probably six weeks.

I am doing this as National Committee work, and you, as a member of the Committee, are asked to do something to show your approval and support of what your chairman has undertaken.

Your State may, through you, be willing to make a donation of funds for the work. Every dollar contributed will be well spent, and may be the final means of success in carrying on the Campaign.

If you have any friends or acquaintances in the State of South Dakota, either write to them, urging them to support the amendment, or send their

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names to your chairman, who expects to visit every city and town of importance, and who will be greatly helped by introductions to people, who may be able to assist in the good work.

I have had splendid success in the Church work this summer, and look forward to a busy and, I hope, a successful winter. Let us as a Committee, each in our special field, try to arouse renewed interest in the Suffrage Movement among ministers and church people.

The churches are taking an active interest in all moral and social reforms, and the time is most auspicious to call attention to the weakness of the churches, while the women, representing two-thirds of their membership, are a disfranchised class.

I would be greatly cheered and encouraged to receive some words from you during my stay in Dakota, and trust you will find time to write me.

With very best wishes for the success of your efforts to advance the church work in your own state, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Mary E. Craigie
Chairman

C/o Mrs. M. F. Sheldon,
Head Quarters Secretary,
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dear Miss Clay - I have thought of you - very often since the Washington Convention - and have intended to write to you. but sickness in my family - and a good many engagements this summer - have kept me very busy. I will be glad - if any suggestions regarding the work in Dakota (S) I do not lean here - for a couple of weeks - with love and esteem. Yours - M.E.C.

Marlow, Aug. 25-1910

My dear Miss Clay:

When it was too late I remembered that I had not said one word about the two young English women. Thank you for writing us about them, but after consulting with Mrs. Boyer we decided that we could not take advantage of their most generous offer. The truth is our State is so opposed to the English method of campaigning that we fear they would not do us any good. Not because they would think of doing any of the things which are so unnecessary here, but simply because there is so much prejudice here and we have no time to overcome it. Also, we have many good speakers here if we could pay expenses. What we need is really truly southern women.

We had a good time (or rather a very successful time) at the reunions. We were there Wednesday & Thurs. Mrs. Boyer spoke both days to most attentive audiences and had many invitations to visit other places. About everybody there seemed to be for woman suffrage. The picnic here was very large. Mrs. Boyer spoke for one hour. Whenever she speaks she has

invitations to go other places. Mrs. O'Hare - socialist-
spoke for her party Friday but before we got here,
Every one says she made a splendid appeal for
woman suffrage which brought immense applause.

Very sincerely yours

Kate H. Biggers.

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 29, 1910.

My dear Miss Ashley,

I wrote Miss Shaw that I would contribute \$100.00 towards Miss Penfield's expenses, if the Board voted to send her to Oklahoma, according to Mrs. Biggers' request. From Miss Shaw's last letter it seems very probable that Miss Penfield has gone to Oklahoma, and as I know you will need the money in that case I am sending it now. I also wrote to Miss Shaw that I would contribute \$100.00 to the expenses of the young English women, if the Board voted to accept their proposition, and if they were sent to Oklahoma, at Mrs. Biggers's request. I would not on any account assume the responsibility of sending them there if Mrs. Biggers does not express a desire to have them. If Miss Penfield does not go, and the English ladies do go, this \$100.00 can go to their expenses. If both go I will send the other hundred on hearing of it. If neither goes, please send the money to Mrs. Biggers as a special donation as soon as you know the fact.

I am also sending fifty dollars of the interest of the Bruce fund, - the August dividend of the Good Samaritan bonds, and twenty dollars of the rent of the cottage. Please send this to Mrs. Biggers as a special donation and receipt to me as Trustee.

Very sincerely yours,