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Portland, Ore., September 3, 1910

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MISS MYRTLE E. PEASE,
 403 Tenth St., Flat F, Portland, Oregon.

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THE CHICAGO POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE

September 3, 1910

To the Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A.

Ladies:

At the last meeting of our League, September 1, 1910, I was instructed to submit to you the following suggestions on National publications:

1. That in each year's publications (the year's series) the Literature Chairman's (literally, the editor's) name and address shall appear, thus locating the authority of each publication, as for 1910-1911.

Editor, Mrs. Myra Strawn Hartshorn, 6035 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

2. That these pamphlets shall be uniform in shape.

3. That all covers shall be yellow (Suffrage color).

4. That the Chicago League will pay for one pamphlet of a series of such publications; such pamphlet to be contributed by a Chicago woman. We hope to get another Chicago Club to do this also. This means 5,000 copies for \$60 for each such publication.

5. That the National Ass'n and the Chicago P. E. League share the expense of 1,000 letter-heads (bond) and 500 stamped printed envelopes. A small part of the paper to be distributed among the members of the Committees; the rest of the paper and the envelopes to be reserved for the Chairman; the heading to be somewhat as follows:-

COMMITTEES ON LITERATURE

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Myra Strawn Hartshorn, Chairman,
6035 Drexel Avenue
Chicago, Ill

Alice Stone Blackwell
585 Boylston Street, Boston

etc.

League Committee:

Myra Strawn Hartshorn, Chm.
6035 Drexel Avenue
Chicago, Ill

Katherine B. Newton
2454 Ind. Ave, Chicago
etc.

6. We also commend Mrs. Hartshorn's plan for future pub-

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lications of pamphlets. It will result (if carried out)
in a concise and effective pamphlet library on Suffrage that
has hitherto been more or less unorganized.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) (Mrs.) Harriette Taylor Treadwell

Cor. Sec. pro tem

6220 Jefferson Ave

Chicago Ill

September 12th 1910

Mrs. Myra Strawn Hartshorn
6035 Drexel Avenue
Chicago Ill

My dear Mrs. Hartshorn

Since the outline of the literature plan came, the pressure of immediate work has been so great in the office that I have not had time to write in answer as fully as the subject demands. Your admirable plan is certainly careful and comprehensive and would be very interesting to work out. In considering its practicability for the uses of our Association, together with the proposition from the Chicago Political Equality League, some comment on the literature business as an essential part of Headquarters work may be helpful to the other members of the Board. So I will send to each one a copy of this letter also.

Since the proposition from the Chicago Political Equality League is a part of your plan, already submitted to the Board, I will begin with that.

It would certainly seem a great advantage to the Chicago League that you should be Chairman of its Literature Committee as well as that of the National, and I can understand their wish and yours to combine the literature work of the National Association with that of the League. But are there not several considerations which would make such a plan unwise? If the National went into partnership with any one League, why not with others? As to the League's paying for part of the National's publications, would it not be better for the League to publish and pay for whatever it might wish for its own particular purposes, and if it also wished to help support the literature work of the National, why should it not contribute directly to the literature appropriation? I don't see how joint letter-paper would be any advantage, or how it could be

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other than a decidedly confusing and needlessly complicated arrangement. As to having the address of the Literature Chairman on all the publications, that would be even more confusing to purchasers of the literature. The benefit of a headquarters, where administrative work is done, and publications are sold or ordered, is precisely that people who wish to make inquiries, or to buy literature or to subscribe to the Woman's Journal, etc., can do so by writing to one office, instead of to several addresses scattered over the country. You surely could not be burdened with keeping a stock of literature and with filling orders, and if your address were on the pamphlets, you would be deluged with orders, all of which would have to be forwarded to Headquarters, which would waste both time and money, without any compensating advantage.

Now, as to the points you make under "Business Details." You speak of the necessity of publishing a pamphlet on the Denver campaign and of reprinting "Eminent Opinions", about both of which we have corresponded before. The Denver leaflet is not so timely now, as if it had been issued at the time it was first planned, and I would therefore suggest that it be made rather short and not too large an edition printed. As you already know, I was obliged to reprint "Eminent Opinions", just as it is, (an edition of 2,000 copies) to fill orders already received, because the revision was so long delayed. Your last letter says you will not need to hurry with the revision, but I assure you that unless the new copy is in print at the very earliest possible moment, we shall find ourselves again having to explain and apologize for its being out of stock. A large order might any day take every single one remaining in the edition of 2,000. A few weeks ago, we had an inquiry from Washington, asking if we could fill an order for \$250 worth of literature, to be delivered partly September 1st, partly October 1st, and I replied that we could. I did so on the assumption that we need not be delayed in reprinting things which were in demand and out of stock. This instance is a good example of the need for having our printing done as near Headquarters as possible. If I had had to send the proof out to Chicago, and then wait to have the pamphlets printed there, and then shipped back to Headquarters before any orders could be filled, you can easily see how much time would be wasted, and money too, for the freight and express from Chicago to New York would have to be added to the cost. I can see no possible way to consider it an advantage to have our printing done in Chicago, so long as our business is carried on in New York. And as a matter of fact, in each case where estimates have been given on printing in Chicago, they have been as high, and in some instances higher, than the prices in New York.

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As to electrotyping the plates for the pamphlets, the longer I work over the literature business problems the less I feel that it is worth while to electrotype, except small things like the flyers, of which we order very large editions. It seems to be wiser to keep our stock of literature relatively small as to variety, but constantly adding new and ^{fresh} up-to-date pamphlets and leaflets. Headquarters is dreadfully ^{filled} burdened now, with old, unsealable literature. People like new fresh things, in varying form, even if the subject matter is substantially the same as the old.

That brings up another point in your plan, - the uniformity in size and color. I should like to hear that matter discussed, and am open to conviction about it, but from my experience, both in Massachusetts and New York, I am bound to conclude that our literature would be more popular if it were varied, in color, at least. But I ^{will} do think that the small pamphlets could be uniformly the same as "Do You Know?" However, we have had occasion many times to reprint articles from magazines, or to buy reprints from magazines, in which case, it is economy to have them the size of the magazine page. The Political Equality leaflets and the "flyers", are an established size that seem practical and popular.

On general principles, I should say that we ought to have as few long pamphlets as possible, and as many short ones as possible. Twenty-four and thirty-two page pamphlets are too long for the most popular ^{use}, and cost too much for us to sell at a reasonable profit.

The next point is as to publishing periodically. I should like also to hear that point discussed, for I do not, at present, see just what the advantage would be. Our weekly paper, it seems to me, can give Suffragists the benefit of regular Suffrage news and propaganda, but I should think that the department could do better work if it were free to rush things into print as occasion demanded, or to halt at intervals, if that seemed best. If winning the Suffrage were to be an endless job like education in general, we might settle down to systematic regularity with a far-reaching steady scheme for publication, but I am inclined to think that the more we assume that Suffrage can be won, and must be won now, the more we shall find that our system of publications must be pliable enough to meet the exigencies of any day's developments quickly.

I would suggest that the pamphlets be numbered, and classified, if that seems wise, but not dated. We cannot sell literature which bears a date several years back, anything like so well as the recent publications. Daily experience proves that.

I am obliged at this very time, to plan a "mark down

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sale" of surplus literature, which is just as true and just as good as it ever was, but is simply out of date.

You speak of the Industrial Day addresses at the Washington Convention as good material for new pamphlets. I wish very much that we might have Mrs. Raymond Robins' address especially. I do not remember that any of the others were given in a way that would be specially suited to reproduction. But we have nothing in our stock of literature from Mrs. Robins, and it would fill a real need.

Now, as to the outline itself. I shall be much interested to hear the views of the other members of the Board. No matter how we may differ as to the wisdom of adopting such a plan of publication, I am sure we are all indebted to you for the care and time which you have given to the preparation of it, and are very appreciative of it.

My own feeling is that it is better adapted for university extension work, and as a program for Suffrage-Study Clubs, than as a plan of publication for an Association that exists primarily to win votes for women, and has a chronically depleted treasury to do it with. If we could afford either in money, time or workers, to undertake a nation wide campaign of systematic education in citizenship, added to our present work of organizing to win, and educating as we go, then I should heartily endorse some such plan as this, as a model for our new publishing work. I have already suggested that the Woman's Journal have a regular column or two, when it enlarges to an eight-page paper, called "What do do with our Vote when We get It," and in that column to run a series of articles which shall be an education in "anticipatory citizenship." But just as I should feel that it would be a mistake to devote the whole Journal to that column, so I should feel that it would be a mistake to devote our whole output of literature to this plan.

It seems to me true that most people do not become interested in Suffrage, or even in the development of women in other ways, by anything so chronological or consistent as beginning with a consideration of "Woman's past position in Society" and "What the Nature of Government has been", etc., working up to "Why Women of the 20th Century Need the Ballot", but they begin instead, by being stirred up over the wrongs listed in section VII, unequal taxation, low wages, long hours, sweat shops, child-labor, impure food, graft, abuses in schools, dangers to homes, etc., etc. Then they begin to work backwards and look into the history and development of women and government. In fact, it seems that it is only college students, whose curriculum is laid out for them, or already interested Suffragists who would need just such a course of study as this; and our literature ought to capture, most of all, those who are not yet interested in Suffrage, and who don't see any need to be interested.

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I should like to strongly recommend that the outline be printed as one of our next P. E. leaflets, as a program for Study Clubs. We have very frequent application for something of this kind. I would suggest that it be condensed somewhat, as the first five points under Section VI are mainly covered by those under Sections I & II, and Sections III & V might perhaps be merged. If you could combine this outline with a bibliography, it would make a most valuable and needed leaflet. The demand for a bibliography is steady and increasing.

I have written thus at length, because I wanted to make it clear, if possible, how really different are the editorial considerations in the literature department from the business considerations, and how necessary it is, as I emphasized in my last letter that we be able to substitute quick action for the capital we so seriously lack in carrying on the business. If the literature department could this year be made to entirely pay for itself, including salaries, I should feel that there was cause for rejoicing. It is my ambition to make it do so. There are already good returns from the little advertising done in the Journal, and that will be increased from now on. Neither your duties nor mine were very clearly defined in regard to the literature, when we started our work, and I find on consulting some members of the Board, that according to precedent, the duties of the Literature Committee were chiefly those of criticizing any pamphlets or leaflets which were submitted for approval or comment, the general scope of what we print ~~xx~~ being determined by the demands made upon us; and that the printing, reprinting, advertising, selling and distribution, etc., should be done by the Headquarters staff. That seems, in the light of experience, to be the most practicable plan, as well, and I am sure, that in my effort to keep you in touch with all the literature problems, I have expected the kind of service which it is impossible for you to give, - quick decisions by return mail, etc.

I hope it will be possible for you to answer more promptly in the future, and I will try to make the occasion for it as slight as possible, knowing how great are the demands upon your time.

Yours sincerely

Mary Ware Deemelt

Corresponding Secretary

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THE EQUAL FRANCHISE SOCIETY
PRESIDENT, MRS. MACKAY, 1 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK



September 12, 1910

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Mr. Frank J. Smith, representative of The Cargill Co. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, called on Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Dennett, Miss Ashley and Miss Blackwell and on Saturday called on me at the Headquarters. He is the representative of a company which gets out postcards and all other things of that sort to put on the market. He had with him a set of postcards, notices, etc. of woman suffrage, copies of which he showed the members of the committee whom I have named, and he is on his way to Chicago to show them to Mrs. Stewart. He seems to be very enthusiastic on woman suffrage, to which he was converted two years ago, and like all new converts he of course thinks he knows more about it than anybody else in the world and just what will bring the suffrage in a year or two if we will only follow his advice. In the interview on Saturday I called in Mrs. Dennett and Mrs. Harper. We went over his various samples and eliminated several to which we raised objection and said we were very sure the Association would not give its sanction. There was nothing really objectional about them, only the statements were incorrect. The one objection which we all raised was in the seal, which is the seal of the United States encircled by the motto, "The only blot on the escutcheon", and there is a blot on the seal. We objected to the word 'only' and raised the question as to whether it would be legal to use the United States seal with a blot on it in that way. If it would be legal I should be glad to have it used, provided he would strike out the word 'only' because there happens to be several other blots on the

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escutcheon of the United States.

Since he had visited so many members of the committee and Mrs. Dennett and *were the only ones* I had ~~raised no objection~~, he says, *who objected*, to anything he had (the others giving their full consent) he felt that he could go ahead with the work without waiting any longer and he wanted to put "Endorsed by the National Suffrage Association" on each one of the cards, seals, etc. which we endorsed; but I told him it would be impossible for him to do anything with our consent until we had first had a vote of the official board. He told us he thought he had the vote, having been around and called on the majority of the members, and he could not see that it was necessary to do anything more. However, he has agreed to wait until we either give our endorsement or refuse to do so. He said very freely that he didn't need our endorsement to put these things out, and without our endorsement he could put out as many as he chose, but that being a suffragist he would rather have our endorsement and put out only things which we did endorse. And since he had one motto in which he had George Washington framing the Constitution of the United States, I think it would be just as well for someone to have some oversight of the suffrage sentiments which he puts upon the market.

I insisted that he should dictate exactly the form of an agreement he wanted us to enter into, and he dictated the enclosed agreement at our office. It seems to me that a counter-agreement should be made with him and that Mrs. McCullough and Miss Ashley should draw it up. As this is a proposition involving business and not sentiment it should be made very ridged, and only for a limited time.

If this agreement goes through with him he wants to put a page advertisement in the Woman's Journal, and says he will also take a 4 in. space for an entire year, for which he will pay regular prices, except for the single page sheet which he wanted to be at half rates. Miss Ryan thought that if he took an entire year advertisement, amounting to \$500 or \$600, and if we entered into this enterprise

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with him it was worth while to let him have the inside page at half price, and I think she has made that agreement with him.

Of course, in making this agreement, we should not bind ourselves not to issue anything we chose, or the right to sell a like privilege to anybody else.

I knew so little of business of this sort that his proposition did not appeal to me, just as it was made, but as he said Mrs. McCullegh agreed that it was a good thing, I am perfectly willing to abide by the judgment of the majority of the Official Board, but it should be carefully stipulated that nothing should have our endorsement until it is first submitted to us; and that before anything is printed with our endorsement upon it, we shall first pass judgment.

The only thing that worries me is how we are going to keep the agreement after we get started. There are so many little dodges in agreements that it is very hard to make one which will hold.

He is very eager to begin the publication at once; therefore, I hope the members of the board will, without delay, send me their decision that I may notify the company. He says that it is no use printing them after the campaign is over. He wants them out in the campaign states right off.

Faithfully,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

September 12th 1910

Dear Member of the Official Board

I am enclosing a copy of a proposition from
the Chicago Political Equality League, at its request.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to
Mrs. Hartshorn, concerning her plan for the literature,
as her plan also includes that of the Chicago League
and because the details of the literature business as
we find them here at Headquarters may have some bearing
on the conclusions you make with regard to the Chicago
proposition.

Sincerely yours

Mary Ware Dennett

Corresponding Secretary

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Enclosures

Sept 14, 1910

"Bear ye one anothers burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."—Gal. 6:2.
"Judge righteously and plead the cause of the poor and needy."—Prov. 31:9.



MRS. KATE H. BIGGERS

Marlow, Oklahoma, R. F. D. 3

Republican Candidate for Commissioner of Charities and Corrections

YOUR VOTE SOLICITED



MARLOW, OKLA.,

1910

Dear Friend:-

The voters of Oklahoma have honored me by placing my name on the Republican ticket as nominee for the office of Commissioner of Charities and Corrections. I fully appreciate the opportunity this office affords to relieve the distressed and comfort the afflicted. I should be glad of your support, and vote, at the coming election, and pledge to you that if I am elected I will fulfil the duties of the office in such a way as not to boastingly add to the miseries of the poor, by advertising their troubles, nor wound the delicate feelings of the distressed by needless publicity. The charity that "vaunteth not itself," but that tenderly cares for the feelings as well as the needs of the suffering, is the ideal charity.

The transgressor of law, though paying the penalty, should be given a chance to reform, and the wayward boy or girl be taught obedience to social order, and instructed in useful trades.

Co-operation with our Juvenile Court Judges; our Superintendents of Public Institutions; our women's organizations and the interested sympathy of all the good men and women of the State, will bring about better home conditions, and place Oklahoma in the foremost rank of states which are striving for happy and progressive citizenship.

As a farmer's wife and a long time resident of Oklahoma, I understand our needs and conditions, and trust you will aid me by your vote and your influence.

Will you kindly hand some of the enclosed cards to your friends and neighbors.

Yours faithfully,

this is the way we campaign in Okla. Kate H. Biggers

Sept 14, 1910

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Mrs. regarding Date of Convocation etc.
Received - I went this morning to see
Mrs. Giltner - who said you wrote her
that Nov. 14-15 or 15-16 would be dates for
Miss Shaw's convenience. I did not
remember that you had given choice of
14-15 or 15-16 in letter to me but thought
I might have forgotten - so, agreeing with
Mrs. Giltner that 15-16 would be better for
morning guests, and with her advice I
engaged the Auditorium for 15-16 (evenings)
However, I read your letter as soon as I returned
home and found only "14-15" named -
I told Mrs. G. you said Miss Shaw was due
in Richmond Va. on 17 and I could not see
how she could reach Richmond in time.
C. & O. train leaves Bos. 9 P. M. for Richmond Va.
Please advise me at once about this - so if
we must have it 14-15 - I can change
date of Auditorium before it is secured for 14-15
I have secured the use of pleasant rooms
at Library for our meetings - and we hope to have

West Point Ky Sept. 14. / 10

Miss Laura Clay

My Dear Miss Clay
I write to tell you I have
been doing some work for
Suffrage for Women I have
made quite a number
of Speeches in Parlors
have converted several
Men & Women from L-ville
who have been guest at
my home this Summer
I have gotten up a speech
and my friends insist

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that I should go before
the State Association
and make this speech
If you think you can
arrange to give me
about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour some
time during the Convention
I shall be very grateful
to you. Are you coming
to Louisville soon if
you do let me know
and I will try to
arrange to meet you
there, as I would like
ever

to have a talk with
you. please notify me
when the Convention
will meet;

Very Sincerely

Fred Wither Smith
West Point.

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Lexington, Ky., Sept 15- 1915

My Dear Miss Clay

Your letter with liberal
enclosure received. It touched
my heart as nothing in years
has done. I will certainly try
to make every penny of it
tell. This week I am in Louisville
at State fair, we are
keeping the light out here.
No liquor sold on the
grounds, which is

a great thing. This is Thursday
the "big day" last year they
had 35,000 pass the gates. Expecting
more this, there was not a
drunk man on the grounds &
not an arrest. That is Ketchel
with out his deadly foe, liquor.

Thank you for sympathy and
help. as ever yours in
loyal friendship,

Francis Beuchamp

Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 17th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Shepard,

I have been down on the farm, and just received yours of the 14th this morning.

You are right: Miss Shaw gives us only the 14th and 15th. Her engagements in Illinois and Virginia will not permit her to offer us the 16th. But I thought we might have the Convention on the 15th and the 16th if that suited the friends better, though of course some of the delegates could not hear Miss Shaw on the first evening.

I do not know that I shall be in Lexington when you are there for the Library Asso. All my business on the farm culminates in the fall, and I do not know that I can leave it at that time. I shall be sorry to miss you. Do you think you might get a suffrage resolution through the Library convention?

I cannot tell yet who will come to the convention, - whether Mary and Sallie can come or not.

Yours in haste,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

Sept. 17, 1910

My dear Miss Clay:

Since Mrs Biggers didn't want
the English girls (I'm sorry!) and since Miss
Pinfield was busy at Lakewood, I have sent the
whole \$150 ~~to~~ you were so good as to donate to
the Campaign, to Mrs Biggers for the work
without instructions, telling her the contribution
is yours.

Cordially Yours,

Jessie Ashley

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Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 18th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Biggers,

I am writing this letter to you and Mrs. Boyer jointly, as both of you have written to ask if I can come to Oklahoma. I am now writing to say definitely that I cannot come. During the very hot weather I did not think I ought to risk it, unless in the case of a special election you had a dearth of speakers who could be put in the field quickly. Now the weather is cool enough; but all my business on the farm culminates in the fall months, and I could not leave it without risk of serious financial loss, and I think the money I might lose would more than offset the value of my work in Oklahoma. When the National proposed to send Miss Penfield to Okla. I offered one hundred dollars on her expenses, and I also sent to Miss Ashley fifty dollars of the Bruce fund for Okla. I have not heard that Miss Penfield has gone to Okla., so I am going to write to Miss Ashley this morning to send you the \$150.00 as a special donation at once. You see I would rather have you have the money I might lose by my absence than to run the chance of my presence being worth it. Besides, my state suffrage work is on in the fall, too. I know you are too confident of my interest in Oklahoma to doubt that my decision has come after careful reflection.

I am glad to know that your anxieties about the date of election are finally resolved, even if the result is not as good as a special election.

I am so pleased, Mrs. Biggers, with your platform letter and your

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postal cards. They are fine.

Please express to Mrs. Boyer my sincere sympathy with her in the loss of her dear mother.

Very sincerely your friend,

.P.S. I hope Miss Gordon will certainly come to your help.

XXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 18th, 1910.

Dear Miss Ashley,

I have not heard that Miss Penfield has gone to Oklahoma; so, as I know they need money in Oklahoma, I am writing to ask you to send to Mrs. Biggers at once the \$150.00 I sent you awhile ago, if you have not already done so. If Miss Penfield is sent there later, I will donate a hundred dollars to her expenses, but I want this \$150.00 sent without waiting upon her movements any longer. I have now definitely decided not to go to Oklahoma myself to help in their campaign, as I had led them to think perhaps I would do; for all my business culminates in the fall months, and my state suffrage work demands my presence. So I am desirous of helping them as much as I can financially.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I learn from Mrs. Biggers that they doubt the usefulness of the English ladies in Oklahoma, on account of the popular prejudice against the English campaign methods.

Richmond,

Kentucky.

Sept. 18th, 1910.

Mrs. Teed Withers Smith,

West Point, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I am very glad to have your letter of the 15th, and to hear of your good suffrage work.

Yes, I shall be very glad to put your name on the convention program for one half hour. I think the afternoon of the first afternoon will be the most favorable time, as the business is not so apt to crowd out addresses as on the second afternoon.

We are to hold the convention in Covington in November, probably on the 14th and 16th of the month. We are now corresponding with Miss Shaw about securing her for the evening speaker, and our plans are not quite completed.

I do not expect to be in Louisville at all soon, so hope to hear from you by letter any thing concerning the convention. I trust you will be able to collect enough state and National dues to have delegates to the convention to represent the whole number of your members. If you cannot collect the 35 cents, which are both state and National dues, perhaps you can collect the full number of National dues, - ten cents per capita.

I will write again when I know definitely about the convention.

Very cordially yours,

Richmond, Kentucky.

Sept. 24th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Steinam,

I take pleasure in sending you some copies of the new law of Kentucky for the Co-guardianship of minor children. I wish I could send a printed copy; but though I applied early, I was able to secure only one copy, which I need from time to time. I have carefully type-written and compared those I send.

We are indebted to Hon. A. Rollins Burnam, the state senator from Madison County, and ex-Judge of the Court of Appeals, for drawing the bill and introducing it into the Senate. Representative W. F. Klair, of Lexington, introduced and worked for it in the House of Representatives. It was signed by Governor Augustus E. Willson, and became law ninety days after the close of the session of Legislature, or about the middle of June.

I trust you may be successful in your endeavors to have the law improved in Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. Perhaps you already know that the bill was passed at the petition of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and its passage is the happy culmination of years of effort on the part of that Association.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 28, '10.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

From several sources I have heard that there has been some criticism from donors to the Thomas Garrett Fund because no accounting has ever been made to them of how the fund has been expended. I did not mention this matter to Mrs. Upton, thinking that it might trouble her. Of course, she is not implicated in the least, for as treasurer of the Association she always made a full accounting to the Convention, but the treasurer of the Thomas Garrett Fund is the person who should have rendered a statement to the contributors. I cannot trust my memory on this matter, but it is my impression that the treasurer of the Fund agreed to render such statement in the original arrangement.

I am telling you about this, because I know that as a member of the Official Board of the National and as Auditor, you would be very unwilling to have a false impression get abroad or to have any contributor to any fund dissatisfied and thus possibly led to refuse future aid. I should not be willing to have you mention my name in this connection for fear my motive might be suspected of being simply one of carping criticism, but I thought you could bring this matter up in a Board Meeting without mentioning the name of your informant. You could easily say that a person whom you trust had written you that she had heard that such criticism had been made and get whatever action would be necessary to satisfy all contributors. I am so sure that you will not misunderstand my motive that I shall not take the time to emphasize it.

I am in New York for two months helping Mrs. Catt through her busiest time. I am tremendously pleased with the Woman Suffrage Party Organization, and think the administration in these Headquarters is excellent. Mrs. Catt is gaining in strength and I feel sure that with proper care, she is going to make a complete recovery. She is already looking as she did when I first knew her when she was still in her thirties.

It may interest you to know that Mrs. Belmont has just enrolled herself as a member of the Woman Suffrage Party.

I hope you have had a pleasant summer and are in the best of health and spirits. Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Haines

New York, September 30/1910

Dear Members of the Official Board:-

According to the arrangement made by you at the National Convention in April my chairmanship of the Press Committee was to continue until November 1. I have given the question of retaining it longer, if desired by you, very serious thought but have decided that it would not be advisable. My sole object in life is to give the best service I am capable of to the cause of woman suffrage, and I feel sure that I am not doing this in the Press Bureau. My chief power lies in writing, and any strong and sustained effort in this line is impossible with the constant interruptions and never-ending exactions of the Press Bureau. I see also a great field of work in the demand of the many new women who have come into the movement for suffrage talks or lectures on its many phases, which I am able to give ~~XXXXX~~ because of my long connection with it. By writing and lecturing I am convinced that I can be of far more benefit to the cause than by doing the press work of the Bureau which other women can do quite as well as I and perhaps better.

This is the reason which impels me to ask to be relieved from duty on November 1st. I cannot suggest anyone for the place. It should really be filled by two persons - one to use her time almost exclusively in preparing syndicate articles answering matter that appears in the newspapers and furnishing them with the information, etc., which they ought to have; another to look after the correspondence and detail work and talk with the scores of people who come or telephone for every conceivable purpose. I do not know of anyone who could fill this latter role better than Miss Reilly. She is sufficiently informed to answer almost any question and has a most acceptable way of meeting people. Everybody likes her and she is more popular with the newspaper reporters than I am and knows how to get up news for them. With a little more practice she could also prepare very good syndicate articles.

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It takes most of Miss O'Brien's time to go carefully over the sixteen New York dailies every day and clip everything on suffrage and file it; to examine all the exchanges and keep up the files; to assist in the copying, help answer the telephone, do the many errands, etc. She is also a good stenographer and very satisfactory in every way. In the outside matter clippings and papers that come to us we find that three-fourths of the suffrage matter is taken from the New York papers, and a very large part of it can be traced to this Bureau, so that careful attention to them is very important.

You will have to be governed by the size of your appropriation. If Mrs. Belmont should deduct the amount of my salary, (as greatly to my surprise she said she would do last spring if I left) you will not have enough to pay a third person, and in that case I would advise your increasing Miss Reilly's salary and putting her in charge, if she consents.

Before the National Convention no limit was placed on the expenses of the Bureau and they ran considerably over \$500. a month. Under the new arrangement they were limited to \$500., and with the rent deducted, \$67.00, we were left with \$433. The monthly expenses at that time were as follows:

Salaries - Mrs. Harper-----	\$173.33
Miss Hauser-----	150.00
Miss Reilly-----	86.67
TOTAL	<u>\$410.00</u>

Miss O'Brien was receiving \$65.00 a month, but I was paying this out of my own salary.

The office expenses - clipping bureau (average) \$22.00; telephone \$12.00 newspapers \$10.00; stationery, postage, typewriter supplies, office supplies, telegrams, messengers, ice water, towels, etc., seldom were less than \$90.00 a month.

This, you see, amounted to \$500., and when the appropriation was made only \$410.00 there was no money to fill Miss Hauser's place when she left.

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Of course then I had to give the whole of my time to the office, instead of a part, and could not myself pay Miss O'Brien's ^{salary} but I had to keep her and divide the work formerly done by Miss Hauser among the three of us. I increased Miss Reilly's salary from \$18. to \$20. a week; continued Miss O'Brien at \$15.00, and finding that each month, after all expenses were paid, about \$17.00 were left, I added this to my own ~~own~~ salary, which was and is absurdly small according to the New York standard, making it \$190.00.

We then came out about even each month. As soon as Progress went to Boston I stopped the clipping bureau service, and the demands for postage and supplies being less for the summer months, I have managed to accumulate about \$150.00 in the treasury to pay someone to come in for the month of October and learn the business of the office with a view to taking the chairmanship. If, however, Mrs. Belmont deducts from her appropriation the amount of my salary there will be practically nothing to pay her after October.

I have succeeded in making the Press Bureau the widely recognized center of information and in establishing the friendliest possible relations with every newspaper in New York and every press association and syndicate in the country. All letters have been promptly answered and all the business details of the office carefully attended to. It has been utterly impossible to do as much syndicate work as should have been done or to give as much attention to individual papers as they should have had, but I believe no human being, under the same circumstances, could have accomplished any more than I have. No one who ever takes charge of this bureau will have the demands made upon her that have been made upon me in ~~every~~ many directions, and therefore the next chairman may be able to concentrate all her force upon the press work alone, and never before were there such opportunities. The report herewith submitted will give a partial idea of the usual monthly work of the bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Ida Husted Harper.

Sept 30, 1910

REPORT OF PRESS BUREAU WORK ROOM
May 1910

- 1 Sunday
- 2 Letters 12
Sent suffrage matter to Woman's Home Comp. for their series
15 suf. notices to N.Y. City papers
Sent literature to college for their debate (on request)
Copied 3 personal sketches of suf. workers for file.
- 3 Letters 7
Copied 12 sheets of manuscript for syndicate work.
Read proof on Progress
Several hours shopping to buy supplies for office
Copied six sheets of suf. material for press work.
- 4 Letters 10
Sent out Mrs. Lit. for club work
16 Notices to N.Y. papers
Prepared material for newspaper syndicate
Wrote two personal sketches of new officers for newspapers
- 5 Sent literature to Canada (on request)
Letters 7
Suffrage article to Evening Post
Copy for Progress
Wrote 3 personal sketches of suf. workers for the papers
Copied three convention reports
- 6 6 copies of personal sketches of suf. workers for papers
Six sheets of circular letter
Letters 10
Copied 11 sheets of suf. matter for publication.
- 7 Letters 10
Copied suf. matter for newspapers
Sent literature to college for debate (on request)
Furnished photos for spec. suf. article in N.Y. Tribune
Wrote three sketches of workers for papers
- 8 Sunday
- 9 Letters 14
Copied suffrage manuscript
Special matter to Portland, Me., newspapers
Arranged to send suf. matter to ordinary members at Wash.
Wrote 3 copies of convention reports.
- 10 Sent suf. literature to Wisconsin
Letters 12
16 Notices to New York papers
Wrote suf. article for syndicate
Sent lit. to Oregon (request)
4 copies personal sketch for papers
- 11 Letters 9
Notices to all N.Y. papers
Copied suffrage manuscript for papers
Prepared matter for newspaper syndicate
4 copies of reports
- 12 Letters 8
Sent copy to New Orleans for suf. art.
Sent literature to Holland (request)
3-page personal sketch of new officers for papers
6-page personal sketch of prominent suffrage workers
- 13 Letters 10
16 Notices to New York papers
Sent literature to Connecticut for special club work
Copied six sheets of suffrage matter
Sent suffrage matter to Hobbs Ferry for lecture course
Sent out literature and other matter for debate in Brooklyn (request)
6 copies personal sketches of suf. workers for publication
- 14 Sent literature to Columbus, Ohio, for newspaper work (request)
Letters 6
Mailed notices to all New York papers
Sent lit. to Connecticut for propaganda (request)
Worked on index
- 15 Sunday
- 16 Furnished material for Brooklyn papers (by request)
Sent lit. to Oklahoma college for debate (request)
Letters 13
Copied suffrage matter for press
16 special letters to N.Y. papers
- 17 Letters 10
Sent lit. to political club (on request)
Special letter to Gov. of Delaware re laws
Special letter to Sec. of State of Del. re laws
Copied items for Woman's Journal
9 special letters to N.Y. papers
- 18 Letters 12
Answered 4 editorials against suf.
Sent suf. matter to Bryan Dem. Club, So. Carolina, on request
16 copies newspaper items N.Y. papers
3 personal sketches of suf. women for papers
- 19 Letters 11
Copied article for leaflet
- 20 Letters 22
Prepared art. for newspaper syndicate
Notices to all newspapers
4-page sketch for papers
- 21 Letters 16
Copied suf. matter for publication
Answered 3 editorials against woman suffrage
- 22 Sunday
- 23 Letters 20
26 copies of circular letter
Sent special lit. to Oklahoma
5 copies 3-page suf. article to newspapers
10 specials to newspapers
- 24 Letters 13
3-page article for newspaper syndicate
Sent lit. to Vermont for meetings (request)
Special letter to 3 newspapers
3 personal sketches of officers for papers.
- 25 Letters 20
Prepared art. for syndicate and sent with photos
16 copies circular letter
- 26 Letters 26
Notices to all New York papers
Furnished material for newspaper article
10 copies for newspapers (suf. matter)
- 27 Letters 10
Copied Mrs. Lit.'s art. for Jus Suffragii
Prepared suf. matter for syndicates
16 sheets of suf. copy for newspapers
Sent lit. for political club debate
- 28 Letters 8
10 sheets of suf. copy for publication
Sent special lit. to Philadelphia for club work (request)
Sent literature to Ohio for special meetings (request)
- 29 Sunday
- 30 Memorial Day
- 31 6 sheets of suffrage copy for press
25 sheets suf. copy for press
Letters 17
Wrote article for newspaper syndicate

Looked over 461 N.Y. papers
Clipped, pasted and filed 461 clippings from N.Y. papers (13 editorials)
Read/classified and filed 466 clip. from Clipping Bureau (76 editorials)
Looked over all exchanges
Filed all letters, kept the accts., attended telephone, saw many people on business, etc.

Cordelia F. Reilly
Sec'y N.A.W.S. Press Bureau

EQUAL SUFFRAGE HEADQUARTERS

Sioux Falls, S. D.
Sept. 30, 1910.

Dear Member of Church Work Committee:

Knowing that you are interested in the South Dakota Campaign and especially in the work that the Church Work Committee is trying to do through the churches, I am sending you a brief report of what has been accomplished in that line to date.

During one week spent in Huron where the State Fair was held, we had two suffrage meetings in the Woman's Building on Woman's Day September 14th at 11 o'clock A.M. and at 4 o'clock P.M. at which the State President Mrs. Johnson of Ft. Pierre; Mrs. Sheldon of Sioux Falls, the Headquarters Secretary; Dr. Aylesworth of Colorado and your Chairman were the speakers. Open air meetings were also held during the Fair where the speakers used automobiles loaned for that purpose, and addressed crowds wherever they could be collected on the grounds. Suffrage literature was distributed and many signatures were obtained through these meetings.

Your Chairman in addition to the Fair work addressed the Ministerial Association and secured the endorsement of that Association to the amendment, and the promise of a Union Church meeting to present the subject of Equal Suffrage on some Sunday evening in the near future. We were also invited to speak in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening and addressed a large and attentive audience.

A Civic meeting was held in the Opera House on Thursday evening September 22nd at which the Mayor of the City presided. The President of the Ministerial Association Rev. Mr. Pearse Pinch and Father Desmond of the Catholic Church and other prominent citizens all spoke in support of the amendment. It was considered quite a triumph to secure the support of Father Desmond.

Rev. Mr. Pinch accompanied us one afternoon in the automobile and made a picturesque figure as he stood with his snow white hair ruffled by the wind, with a yellow sash Votes for Women pinned across his breast, and held the crowds by his eloquent appeals for them to support the Woman Suffrage Amendment at the Polls on November 8th.

In Sioux Falls, your Chairman has met the same encouragement and cordial response by church people. We were invited to speak in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening, and to address the Ministerial Association on Monday afternoon, a Ladies Aid meeting and a club of Scandinavian men and women. The leading clergymen have all come out for suffrage, and four of them are to speak on Thursday at a great Citizens meeting to be held in the Auditorium where the Mayor is to preside. Mrs. Calkins of Michigan and your Chairman are to be the speakers.

An invitation has come for me to address the State Presbytery which meets in Aberdeen on October 6th, and the Presbyterian Womans Missionary Society on October 7th.

A splendid lot of women are carrying on the work in the state, but lack of funds is hampering them. Two members of our Church Work Committee have sent contributions of money, which have been gratefully received and turned over to the Campaign Treasurer. They are Miss Briggs of Massachusetts who sent \$10.00 and Miss Finkle of Minneapolis \$5.00. From other members of the Committee we have received gracious words of encouragement and good wishes for success, which have been read to our Sister Workers here and received with grateful appreciation.

The Liquor Dealers are already at work to defeat the amendment. A man who is stationed by them here as their agent to defeat us if possible is receiving a \$10,000.00 salary, and has unlimited money at his command; and I am told that in one day the mail he sent out of literature to oppose us represented 1400 lbs. When we think how little money the women have to work with, and the great distances that have to be covered to reach the widely separated cities and towns of the state, we fear for the result. But being on the side of right, we are trusting to a higher power than our own, and are trying to make our work deserving of success.

Thanking you for your expressions of interest, and for your prayers which I know are with us, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Mary E. Craigie
Chairman

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HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 423, LEE-HUCKINS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 30, 1910.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Indeed you have been Oklahoma's staunch friend.

I do not have adequate words to tell you how timely your \$150 check is to us. We have ordered a big supply of printed matter for the final wind-up, a church leaflet, Federation of Labor leaflets and a leaflet to reach the Indian voters, and the printing and mailing of these will be about \$400. Mrs. Boyer has worried very much about the finances and through this whole campaign I know that she has advanced every penny to meeting bills and running expenses and trust^{ed} to the convenience of the National to repay the amounts. I know she has put up as high as \$800 at very serious inconvenience to herself, since she has been forced several times to borrow money at eight and ten per cent to meet her own notes. We have been looking and hoping for a letter from you stating that you could personally come to Oklahoma. We should be glad indeed to meet the expenses of your coming, for we hope to reserve enough of that promised by the National.

[Sept 30, 1910?]

The liquor people are watching our campaign and we do not let them know one minute in advance anything that we propose doing. Mrs. Boyer leaves this afternoon for Enid, where there is to be a mass meeting of all the churches of that county. Mrs. Boyer is the only woman speaker. All the rest are pastors of the various churches.

Gratefully Yours,

Kati H. Biggers.

Fellow Citizens of the United States:

The quotations from the Bible in this letter are from King James' version of it.

St. Peter informs us in the 16th verse of his 2nd Epistle, that St. Paul in "all" his epistles wrote some things "hard to be understood by which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest. As they do also the other scriptures unto their own destruction."

And many people are so unlearned and unstable that they believe that there is a law in the Bible which commands women to keep silence in the churches; because St. Paul wrote in his 1st Epistle to the Corinthians—"Let Your Women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law."

Now the Bible does command women and all other people to be under obedience to the laws of the country in which they live, but there is no law in the Bible which commands women to keep silence in the churches, and this fact makes it evident that it was the law of Corinth of which St. Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Corinthians.

As I have already said in this letter there is no law in the Bible which commands women to keep silence in the churches; on the contrary the Bible informs us that God fills women as well as men with the Holy Ghost in order that they may "prophesy" or preach. It does this by informing us in the combined 1st and 2nd chapters of Acts that when the Apostles and some other men "with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus," were assembled on the Day of Pentecost that "suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"

And that Peter standing up said, "this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" "And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."

Respectfully yours,

MRS. JAMES BENNETT,

Of Richmond, Kentucky.

*(Miss Louisa
Clay's sister)*

Please read this letter to Citizens of the United States and then mail it to another woman of some other town without writing anything to her. Have it go from one to another as quickly as possible.

There is no law in the Bible in which God has commanded women to keep silence in the churches as many people believe that there is; the Bible informs us that God filled some women as well as the Apostles and some other men with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost in order that they might "prophesy" or preach; and the Apostles preached the gospel to people by writing letters to them. So I have preached the gospel to people for many years by writing letters to them and having these letters published in newspapers as advertisements. And other women can do likewise and thereby preach the gospel to more people than they would have done had they preached in one of our churches.

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The Cargill Co.

By vote of the Board of Directors of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, we hereby endorse and approve your series of Suffragist post cards, stationery and visiting cards, bearing the emblem of "The blot on the scutcheon" and do hereby authorize you to print on each and every post card of this series that you publish, "Endorsed and approved by the National American Woman Suffrage Association" and to print the word "official" or "endorsed" by" on all stationery and visiting cards as per the samples submitted and attached hereto.

Provided, however, that in the event of your adding any new cards to the thirty (30) subjects new submitted, you will first submit eight (8) samples of each subject for our official approval, and you hereby agree not to mark such cards as we may not approve as being endorsed by this association.

It is further understood and agreed that we will recommend and cooperate with you in pushing the sale of these post cards, stationery and visiting cards, etc. and also to furnish you with all the names of the various Suffrage Leagues and Associations throughout the country, and the names and addresses of all the enrolled members of the various associations, as far as it lies within our power so to do.

It is further understood and agreed that for and in consideration of granting you this privilege above set forth, you hereby agree to pay into the Treasury of this association quarterly ten per cent. (10%) of the gross sales of said Suffragist Post Cards, Stationery and Visiting Cards, etc. and that your books be open to the inspection of our auditor if we request it.

In the production and marketing of the official emblematic button or pin and the hat pin, etc. you are to arrange for such a percentage of the gross sales as it may be wise to exact from the manufacturers, to be paid into the treasury of this association.