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January 31, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

I have just received the following telegram from Mrs. Tinsley:

"Meeting over. Organization unchanged - all is well and work established."

I also received a telegram a day or two ago from Mrs. Biggers saying -

"Secretary of State's decision favorable. Remonstrants may appeal. Suffragists unapprehensive."

A letter from Miss Gordon states that it is impossible for her to go to Oklahoma. I have written urging Miss Clay to do so if she possibly can, if the election is a special one. But Miss Clay, like most of the State Presidents, is at present deeply interested in legislature work, although she has not positively stated that she would not go, but it seems very hard to call her away from her state work just now.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received this morning from Mrs. Kelley which will explain itself.

Your copy of the call with your signature has not yet been received. It is too late now to get in to the February PROGRESS, so that I am going to send it to Miss Blackwell and ask her to strike off some copies from it to send out with our letters and for general circulation. I would like to get it in next week's JOURNAL, and I hope you will have it here with your signatures by that time. You know of course I have no authority to print the call until you have all signed it, and it should be done at once.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw.*



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New York City, 1-30-10.

Dear Miss Shaw,

Enclosed please find my vote.

In order that a candidate for the office may be selected with due deliberation, I hereby submit my decision not to stand for re-election at the meeting in April.

The strength and time which I can devote to promoting votes for women are sadly limited; and I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that I can apply both more effectively in other ways.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed Florence Kelley.



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January 31, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

In arranging the program for the National Convention it was decided to have a Sunday meeting and to ask you to be one of the speakers on that occasion. We are going to have one long speech and a few short ones, of say fifteen minutes each, and we are all anxious that you should make one of the short speeches. We tried to get Jane Addams for the long speech, but could not, and now we will have to try and get some popular man among the working people if possible. I have no doubt but that we will be able to get up a very good program.

Will you let me hear from you as soon as possible as to whether you will accept this place on the program?

With sincere regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw*



Lexington, Ky. Jan. 31/10.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have just received your letter of January the 23d. I return the voting slip.

I have given the situation in South Dakota some careful thought. I am not altogether surprised to hear that the W. C. T. U. are insisting upon taking a greater part in the campaign management. It has always been "heady"; and as it is a much stronger and better organized than the Suffragists, it is natural they should want to take a leading part. I do not see how you could have answered differently from what you telegraphed to Mrs. Tinsley; yet I think in view of this continued complication, it would be wise for the N.A.W.S.A. even now to change its attitude somewhat. After all of our women have looked over the field, it seems to me that Mrs. Tinsley and the women with her in headquarters, are the most practical Suffragists in the state and have impressed those who have met them as being women of good sense and ability. It appears to me, therefore, that it would be well for our Board to say definitely to Mrs. Tinsley and her co-workers that we will place in their hands the whole responsibility of the National, and leave it to their judgment to co-operate with these other factions according to their own best judgment without depending any longer on appealing to the final decision of the National Board. My reason for this conclusion is that we know that we cannot direct the campaign at long distance; we have not been able to compose all differences by representatives, whom we have sent to the state, and



now there seem nothing left to us, if we assist in the campaign at all, except to support with money that one of the divisions or factions which best represents the National. I believe a conciliatory native woman with good sense, as Mrs. Tinsley seems to have, can find the means of co-operating with others with dignity if she is allowed freedom to do so on her own judgment and with promptitude. Of course we must limit the amount of financial aid, which we promise. I believe we should continue to keep Miss Penfield in the field, since she seems to be giving satisfaction all round. Then, as I understand, we have partly promised at least to maintain a Press woman and Mrs. Tinsley apparently hopes to get a satisfactory one. I have really forgotten what we have promised to do about the salary of Mrs. Johnson. Whatever we have obligated ourselves to do, I think we ought to continue to do, always provided that the continuance of the salary is acceptable to the judgment of Mrs. Tinsley and her Committee. I believe if we place all this responsibility upon Mrs. Tinsley, we should also promise to pay the deficiency of her salary, which the state does not pay. I make all these suggestions, because I do not think we ought to retire from the state at this late date, at the same time I judge from what you write that it will not be possible for us to manage the whole campaign as we have planned to do. All that we can do is to maintain a respectable part of the work through those agents and representatives, whom we believe are creditable to us and fairly representative of us. I consider Mrs. Tinsley and Miss Penfield such representatives. The temperance sentiment is so strong in South Dakota, both among the men and the W. C. T. U., that I believe the campaign is safer in their hands than it would be in the average state; therefore I am not at all despondent about the situation, if the factions can find any common ground for union. It appears to me plain that they do not intend to



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accept the ground that we have proffered, and as we desire only that success shall come by any fair means, it seems to me the wisent course to withdraw from the contention and leave it to Mrs. Tinsley to make the best showing she can with the strength, which she has been able to concentrate.

Thinking as I do and noting the feeling in your letter that we must make some change in our policy in South Dakota, I am going to suggest that you send out a vote to our Board along the line which I have proposed.

I note what you say about my going to Oklahoma. I do feel that my work in my own state is very important during the legislative season. There are several bills, which need my help and one that is altogether in my charge as far as outside oversight is required; therefore, while I do not say positively that I cannot go to Oklahoma, some time later, I think in justice to my own work that I ought not to go for some weeks and not then, unless the situation seems to demand me more than it does at the present.

Very cordially yours,

Dict.



Harlow, Okla., Jan. 31, 1910.

Dear Miss Shaw:

It was my intention to write you as soon as I arrived home from Guthrie, but I found a stack of letters waiting for me and enough of them should have my immediate attention to take all my time up to to-day. There is always an extra amount of "must be done" homework after being away a few days; also,

We had a most satisfactory hearing before Sec. of State Cross and were truly non-partisan in our attorneys, having a democrat, a republican and a socialist. And all three are men whose personal reputations are unassailable. We were very fortunate. You, of course, know the affair was settled in our favor as far as the Secretary of State could make it. Mr. Ready announced intention of appealing to Supreme Court. I have not yet heard if he has. This is his last day (I suppose Sunday would not be counted.)

Finally, perhaps, you would be surprised to have seen how much more agreeable our law-makers felt towards us this winter. As Mrs. Beyer were going to our room one day, a State Senator was coming out of his next door to us. He came up in the most cordial manner, congratulated us upon our victory over protest and said he believed he would "have to vote for us next time" - adding "You know I voted against you last year." He could scarcely treat us with ordinary politeness last winter. His wife said after hearing Miss Gordon that she would never say again that Southern women did not want to vote. All predicted success for us and acted as if they meant it. In fact, I believe they did. In some of them said last winter that they were afraid we would win, was the reason they did not pass our bill. The truth is they did not believe we could get up a petition and the nearly 40,000 signatures of qualified voters has its weight.

I-you-see, are feeling very disappointed that Miss Gordon has written she will not come, and are hoping she will reconsider and change her mind.

It was certainly very kind and generous of Mrs. Belmont to say she would pay her as her representative.

It is going to be difficult to find suitable headquarters room with reasonable price, judging from report of committee when I left Oklahoma City Friday. I hope by this time somewhat that will be suitably located will be found. We must have a place easily found and convenient in order to have people go to it.

I must close.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Kate H. Biggers.



Lexington, Ky. Jan. 29/10.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have read the Call, which you enclosed, and I have no criticisms that is worth while to make.

I have received a letter from Mrs. McCulloch, in which she sends me a form of note as follows:

We the undersigned officers of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, as such officers, promise to pay to the order of Laura Clay, Trustee of the Laura Bruce fund, in five years from date, the sum of \$1000, with interest from date at the rate of 5% per annum, value received.

Of course, I make it conditional that the money shall be spent for the Oklahoma campaign. I have the money in the Savings Bank in Lexington, but can send it just as soon as you have taken a vote and the note is signed. I received a letter from Oklahoma, which is written in cheerful spirits.

I received a letter from my sister, Annie Crenshaw, enclosing a very full account of your meeting there. Annie was greatly delighted.

Hoping that your health is continuing to improve, I am

Very cordially yours,

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January 23, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

You will remember that our meeting in December we voted to borrow \$1,000.00 from Miss Clay, provided the Amendment in Oklahoma was submitted at a special election. There is a prospect that it may not be submitted at a special election, but at a general election, and I am now submitting a vote asking if you are willing that the National Treasurer shall borrow this \$1,000. from Miss Clay, provided the vote is to be taken at the general election.

The situation in South Dakota seems to grow more and more complicated. The Suffrage President, the President of the W.C.T.U., and one or two other leading W.C.T.U. people want to repudiate the convention which was held in Sioux Falls and have a mass meeting where everybody can vote on the methods of the campaign, and they are urging this upon Mrs. Tinsley. Yesterday was the day when they were to hold a meeting of the Campaign Committee. What the outcome will be I cannot say, but certainly it is most distressing for Mrs. Tinsley, who has charge of the headquarters, for she is such a splendid woman. She wrote me in desperation to know whether or not she should give up and let them put the W.C.T.U. people in to manage the campaign, and I telegraphed her from Baltimore saying - "The National can only recommend that the Suffrage Association keep charge of its own Committee."



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If this faction, under Mrs. Johnson, is to take charge of the work, we might just as well withdraw all our support from the State; in fact I think it would be just as well to do it anyhow, because the jangle there gets more and more involved, and nobody seems to be doing anything in the campaign, but everybody wants to spend their time attacking the other. The only group of people I know in the State who are really working for the success of the campaign is the women we left at the headquarters in Sioux Falls. My great fear is that Mrs. Tinsley will become discouraged and give up; if she does we might just as well give up trying to do anything with them. She, and the other two women who are with her, may be able to hold things together, but without them there would not be the least particle of hope.

Now the State Association agreed to pay Mrs. Tinsley \$75.00 per month. She does her own work at home, has a husband and a house to look after, and so it would be necessary for her to employ help while she is in the office. I knew that she was not getting her salary, and so I wrote her to know just how she stood, and she has written me in regard to it. I will enclose herewith a copy of that part of her letter.

It seems to me that the least we can do is to see that Mrs. Tinsley's salary is paid, for certainly a woman who has to contend with the forces she is contending with should at least have financial relief. I ~~note~~<sup>Suggest</sup> that we pay Mrs. Tinsley's salary, in addition to Miss Penfield's, as the first expenses of the South Dakota campaign for which the National is responsible.

Faithfully yours,

Encls.

*Anna H. Shaw*



Jan 22, 1910

Extract from Mrs. Tinsley's Letter of Jan, 21, 1910.

Thank you for thinking of my salary. I will tell you plainly how it stands. In December, just before Christmas, I received \$50.00 which was immediately swallowed up by outstanding bills. Then last week I received \$50 more, which will most of it go the way of the other. I was voted ~~over~~ \$75.00 a month. I have no help ~~at all~~ only such as my husband gives. Next week during our ~~committee~~ committee meeting I shall take Miss Penfield as my delegate. She has been with me before, and we can manage. I have the promise of a good girl sometime next month. I must have a trustworthy one and experienced. But if only we come through our fight all right both within and without, I shall not mind lesser troubles. We are at work in the state. Miss Penfield is out and has had quite good success. I am writing everywhere to get openings. Rev. Brown will go to a neighboring town where they want "a man" and talk for us. Am today going to make arrangements for him. He certainly has been a great help. We have found more papers favorable than we had dared to hope, and I cannot tell you how sorry I am that Miss Hays is not coming. But will do the next best. I think Mrs. Gilbert of Salem can be induced to take it. She is a member of our campaign committee, an experienced newspaper woman and knows the editors in the state. She writes that if she can be paid enough to put a reporter on her own paper, she might take it, which would not be a great amount. She is the best chance I know of.



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Grand Rapids, Mich  
January 28th 1910

Dear National Officer

You may remember that at our December Board meeting, I said in reply to a question from Mrs. Kelley, that I had been considering a little the relation of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to the American Suffrage movement per se, and that I was not yet prepared altogether to formulate my conclusions. Since the Board meeting, my impressions have become so clear that they are becoming something of a burden, and so it seems best for me to give them to you for whatever they may be worth. I am confirmed in this purpose because my strength and family responsibilities are not going to permit me to undertake a second year as Corresponding Secretary of the N. A. W. S. A. What comes to me to be said, therefore, is said earlier than might be the case could the privilege be mine of working with you another year.

When I was in California last May, I met through introduction from Miss Mary Shaw, Mrs. Lillian Coffin, Vice President of the State Association and the founder of the San Francisco Woman Suffrage Party, and the Chairman of its Central Committee. I have been told that she has made herself objectionable to the State by political methods during the last State campaign. Of this I know nothing. I never have heard from her since I left University work. Neither am I prepared to register any opinion of her usefulness to an organization. That has haunted me in remembering her is that unquestionably she anticipated the second stage in the American Suffrage movement. She turned from propaganda to practical politics as the New York women now are doing a year or so later. At the time I was in California, Mrs. Coffin, with her Central Committee, was working independently of the State organization. She also worked with the latter, as its Vice President, I believe. Vaguely I foresee what since has happened in California; friction, criticism, a new election of State officers. How part of this may have been due to the personal of individuals concerned, but I believe more



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has been due to an inevitable superseding of one kind of Suffrage agitation by another, and the inability to see and to dominate this by the older forces.

Miss Peck writes me that a Woman Suffrage party has been formed in New York. This was news to me, yet ever since my California trip I have looked for like-moves elsewhere, and I speak of this to Dr. Shaw last summer. Undoubtedly other States will follow suit and State campaigns will monopolize the interest and energies of the advanced suffragists in each State. The only way in which the N. A. W. S. A. could be nationally serviceable in this second suffrage movement would be by having on its board, or in its employ, or as an Advisory Board, the most able stateswomen and statesmen in the national occupying themselves singly with the conduct of political campaigns. This would require a national leadership of a new sort which it would be difficult to find and which suffragists of the first stage probably might not be willing to accept. A genius adapted to American conditions might command this position and lift the N. A. W. S. A. to world eminence, but as yet she has not manifested herself. Unless such a leader arises, it seems to me fatal to the unity and to the existence of the N. A. W. S. A. for us to concern ourselves whatsoever actively with this second movement. Enough remains for activity in two other magnificent fields. If, for the present, we consider that we have served our purpose with the advanced suffragists and are willing to rest with our past service and not dissipate our energies and emotions by seeking to guide younger and different elements, then what remains for our function?

Two fields occur to me. One is the "educational method" for the yet unconverted. The superb services which the N. A. W. S. A. already has done in this line is everywhere recognized and I will not pause to enlarge upon it. The point for consideration now, seems to me to be this. The educational method of the present will have to be, to take a commanding position nationally, unexcelled by other organizations, in experience, intellectual power and art. In Florence Kelley we have an expert in one line of experience. In all lines we must have experts. The business of such experts must be something besides propaganda work. Now Mrs. Mackay seems to be choosing this line of approach in organizing her national. I feel it to be worthy of respect. She is aiming, I am told, at social forces hitherto uninterested. The field is legitimate. I do not see that other assistance than friendly support in word, act and spirit, is needed by her from us. She will accomplish well what she undertakes. She has moved quietly and well so far, and I find that she is respected wherever I travel. Her work with schools has been commented upon to me several times as well as the lectures she has introduced into the Columbia Summer School. If we choose to concentrate on the same kind of educational pursuits, there is room enough for two nationals along these lines.

There is another field in which my own interest lies particularly. This is to anticipate democracy, and to bend our efforts now, before democracy comes, to putting under way struc-



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tural centres for political influence which shall be trained and ready for work when the time comes. Mrs. Belmont's suffrage settlement will be, if successful, a political settlement constituting a permanent part of democracy. The other political settlements under way, if successful, will remain also. Social settlements will adapt themselves more and more to political service, but, unless they become self-supporting, they will have problems. Guilds and clubs unconsciously are doing political settlement work already, and will continue it consciously. This movement is inevitable. If we develop it wisely, it will give us an economical, dignified, prophetic field with an ever-amplifying majesty inherent in it. In this case, our workers will have to be of the Jane Addams type, patient, loving, capable of resisting the spectacular activities swirling around. Eventually Assembly districts will have to have such settlements. This plan then could get inside the Woman Suffrage Party and grow up within it, a child of bigger promise than the frame in which it lives. The Assembly District idea and this net work of settlements combined visualizes the structure I had in mind at Seattle and earlier at California. There is no reason why this should not cooperate with the other movements. But the time has come for conference and division of labor. Time and energy have been wasted in New York this past Fall, heart-burnings and the slipping into unlovely states of mind, have colored the efforts of women who ought to be understanding co-workers.

Ought we not, as a National Organization, to be sure of our policy now, and then keep to it without killing ourselves by trying to do everything which every organization is doing? Ought we not to be economically independent, receiving the contributions which come to us through the National Treasury, and content ourselves in living within our means? Ought we not audaciously to confer and decide upon the gifts of each of us and then cooperate accordingly?

Before returning to educational work, which is my intention after April, I want to give you with sincerity my view of the principal assets which I believe the N. A. W. S. A. possesses in its New York circle. These are; First, a world-organizer in Miss Shaw. Miss Shaw's genius in oratory is something, probably, which will never come to us again. It used to seem to me that some force other than her own, spoke through her. This genius ought to go down to American posterity as a great memory of Susan B. Anthony whom Miss Shaw has made live again. Second, a world-stateswoman in Mrs. Catt. Here we have, I believe, an international figure of unapproachable dignity and efficient power. I am told that Mrs. Catt's health does not permit to her free activities. But she is a glory undimmed to be cherished by us as a friend and an adviser. Third in our assets, to my mind, is our Vice Chairman of the Press Committee, Elizabeth Hauser. She is a priceless treasure. Her consecration to the Suffrage cause is unexampled except by that of Susan B. Anthony. She is one of the rare spirits which are free from cant, free from self-



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seeking, just, loving, secure in integrity and in taste. Furthermore, Miss Hauser is young, her service scarcely is underway, and the cooperation between her and Miss Neilly, another capable and sincere Suffragist, make National press possibilities encouraging.

Congratulating you upon your own Board membership, whose spiritual integrity and intellectual power ever will be remembered by me, I am

With faithful wishes for the prosperity of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and with unceasing devotion to the Woman Suffrage Movement

Very sincerely yours



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My dear Miss Clay:

I have heard from Miss Gordon that it is impossible for her to go to Okalhoma, and that of course shuts off her assistance to Mrs. Boyer. This fact may help you in your decision as to whether or not you feel able to give up your own State work and go for a month, provided the Amendment is submitted at a special election. A letter from Mrs. Biggers states that the petition is claimed to be all right by the proper authorities, but that there is a prospect that the remonstrant will appeal from the decision. She says that the friends of suffrage are not very much afraid of this fact, and that they hope it may now be pushed without any further delay.

As you know the National convention is set for the 14th of April, which would give you time to be back before it is necessary to gather up the threads for that convention. I do not wish to urge you more than seems well, because I feel that work in any state is equally valuable with work in another state just now. I am not so strongly impressed with the fact that there is any particular part of the country which is so much more desirable as a field of work than another as I used to be. I believe that was true once, but it is no longer so, and if you can do better service by staying at home, I shall feel it is just as wise for you not to go, except it would be a good thing for Mrs. Boyer to have some one to counsel with.

I had a most charming visit with your sister, Mrs. Crenshaw, in Richmond. They were so kind to me, and did everything possible to make my stay happy. She has such a dear little family!

The meeting was a great success. Many people could not begin to get in to the hall, and others stood during the whole meeting, which was quite long; because the dear presiding officer said it was the first time in his life he had a chance to make a speech on suffrage, and he was not going to lose the opportunity; he certainly did not, so that my introduction was rather a lengthy speech. I wish I could have remained longer.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw*



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January 27, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

I am enclosing a copy of the call which has just been received from Mrs. Potter. I would like to have you make such corrections as you see fit, and sign and return in order that it may be issued at the earliest possible moment. It is now too late to have it published in PROGRESS this month if I wait for your answer; in fact it is too late even as it is. I am very sorry because it ought to have gone out before.

Word has been received from the Arlington Hotel, and a contract definitely signed for the ball room for our public meetings from the 14th to the 19th of April, inclusive. Miss Anthony succeeded in securing the change, and the D.A.R. gave up the use of the ball room for the 18th and 19th. I am very glad that the date is definitely set. We are not paying for the use of the ball room on Sunday, but the Proprietor of the Arlington said we could have it on that day if we desire, but I feel it would be a great deal better to have a large Sunday meeting in some other place, possibly a theatre. We could probably get a theatre for Sunday afternoon at a very reasonable price.

As soon as you return your corrected copy of the call, I will send it to THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL and other Suffrage papers so as to get it out as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw  
(Per E. M.)



Apr 27 1910

CALL FOR THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION  
at Washington, D. C.  
April 14th to 19th, 1910.

This call is issued by the NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION to the women of America. We ask the native born American women to consider the principles for which the American commonwealth stands, the magnetism and the daring of these principles and, because of that <sup>very</sup> daring, the danger which lies in the effort to put into effect the American ideal. We ask them to consider the courage and energy of the American women of the revolution, who supported their husbands and sons in casting off conventional ties, and the need of help to American men, today, in fighting by means of the ballot, internal disasters more formidable to this country than military foes from without.

We ask American women born in Finland to remember that the women of France and the women of the American Colonies shared with men national revolution without sharing the political freedom won by these revolutions, while the women of Finland shared with men both revolution and victory, and today are sitting in that last stronghold of conservatism - Parliament. We ask those American women born in Norway, Wales, the Isle of Man, Australia and New Zealand, to remember that had they not left their native countries they now would have been enfranchised citizens. We ask American women born in England, Scotland, Ireland,



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Canada, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland, to remember that in their native countries women are voting in municipal elections. We ask all American women, from whatever country they have come in to us, to recognize the world-wide movement for equal suffrage, to recognize what it means that the women of Turkey are throwing off their veils, the women of China awaking from their immemorial lethargy, the women of England in rebellion, the women of Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary, Russia, Switzerland, Natal, and Cape Colony organized and using the engine of the press to influence public opinion and enforce their claim to the ballot. Turning our eyes homeward from the spectacle of the federated women of the civilized world demanding a voice in government, we must acknowledge that in no country is the vote for women more imperative for race-preservation, national protection, and national honor than in the United States.

To no woman suffrage convention has the call been accompanied by so inspiring a record of the past year's progress for women as is the call to the forty-second convention to be held in our Nation's capital city. During the past year, women voted for the first time in Norway at a Parliamentary election, for the first time in Denmark at the Municipal elections, for the first time in Victoria at an election for the state parliament.

This year a woman is running for a position on the Municipal Council in Paris, and a woman is filling the office of Mayor in an English city. In our own country, women are voting for the first time in the state of Michigan on questions of local taxation, while in Washington, Oregon, South Dakota and Oklahoma, Suffrage amendments to the



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State constitutions are pending. In California, on the Pacific coast, and in Greater New York, on the Atlantic, Woman Suffrage parties mark the second epoch in the history of the suffrage movement on this continent. From Chicago, radiating north, east, south, and west, there is going out an influence which is making the social settlements of our country centres of political influence. In Spokane, New York and Baltimore, political settlements are under way. From one of the great press centres of the world, New York City, suffrage propaganda is traveling through all civilized countries, and in its New York Headquarters, the National American Woman Suffrage Association is receiving news of an unprecedented rising suffrage sentiment from men and women belonging to all the great nations of the earth.

Our cause is universal, its majesty is intrinsic, its logic is unanswerable, its end is sure. Let the women of America come together in this year 1910, consecrated now to the superb hope for humanity which lies in a full democracy.



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January 24th 1910

Dear State President

The immediate occasion of this letter is the enclosed copy of letter from Mrs. Boyer, which gives the latest facts about Oklahoma. If the Oklahoma situation is well advertised by each state, its national importance will be secured. A letter from an Oklahoma lawyer suggested that powerful influence might be exerted through the Federated Club women. If you have Oklahoma acquaintances who are club women, will you write to them, urging the national significance of the Oklahoma campaign?

I shall write to you soon, giving the exact dates for the Washington Convention. Meantime, may I remind you that your report should be handed to me in writing on or before the opening of the Convention? Three minutes each is given for the State Presidents' reports. Two minutes is added when legislative work has been done, and ten minutes is given to States conducting Suffrage campaigns.

At the Official Board meeting in December, held in New York, the National Board passed Resolutions to be sent to the United States Commissioner of Labor at Washington. I am sending you a copy of these Resolutions. The National Board requests that each State should pass some similar Resolutions, and send them with a letter to the Commissioner of Labor. We believe that this may accomplish something. - If you can write a somewhat peppery letter to prick the Commissioner of Labor into activity, you will be doing a service to humanity. I enclose the one I sent to him with the resolutions, together with his reply.

This will be mailed from New York, but I am writing it from Indiana, where I have been speaking. I notice a distinct rise in suffrage interest through the Middle West. It is becoming a vital question to each State.

Faithfully yours

*Frances S. Potter*

Corresponding Secretary



( C O P Y )

214 N. Logan St  
Philadelphia Pa  
Jan. 17, 1910

My dear Mrs. Potter

Miss Shaw has notified me of the return of a sufficient number of votes from the Business Committee to warrant my immediate departure for Oklahoma. I shall leave for the mistletoe land on Wednesday night. Dr. Gay of Oklahoma city sends me the interesting information that Senator Roddie has filed a protest against our Initiative Petition, claiming 5,000 illegal signatures affixed to it. His motive undoubtedly is to prevent by delay our petition being included at an imminent Special election. It is absurd to suppose that 5,000 men would fraudulently sign a petition when the conspicuous "WARNING" printed on every sheet declares that it is a felony to knowingly sign such petition unless a legal voter.

The crux of the position is that the Democratic ringsters are afraid to let our question come before the people. This was openly admitted on several occasions during the recent legislative session. The reasons for refusal to submit a woman suffrage amendment were, first, that it would probably carry and enfranchise the Black woman; second, that all women (white and black) would promptly vote with the Republican and Socialist parties and forever dispel Democratic supremacy. There you have it!

The protest by Roddie may lose us the opportunity of a special election. It will be most helpful if we are compelled to hold over for the General Election, as it will cause more advertisement than we could otherwise secure, and it will stimulate our friends in all parties. Besides it will give us campaign thunder.

If we are compelled to go into the Courts we should not stop until we have a ruling from the Supreme Court of the United States.

Had a nice visit with Mrs. Avery yesterday, and she kindly gave me your address. I thought you would care to know of Roddie's protest as early as possible.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Ida Porter Boyer.

Future address:

Oklahoma City, Okla.



Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 24th, 1910

My dear Miss Shaw,

I am enclosing my vote "Yes" for the purchase of the two machines. I think it is cheaper to purchase than to rent.

In answer to a previous letter: I would prefer to have a vote taken on the loan of the Bruce fund for a general election in Oklahoma. I wrote immediately to Mrs. McCulloch and asked her to draw up such a note as was needed, but have not heard from her yet. Will send the form of note when I receive it.

I am very much occupied now, with legislative work and other things.

Cordially yours,



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January 22nd 1910

Dear Member of the Official Board

There seems to be a dearth of machines for use in the office here in New York. I have my own machine in my office which I brought from Moylan. In the Headquarters they have one machine sent from Warren, and one machine in the Press Department, but Miss Peck feels that another machine is absolutely necessary for the Headquarters, and I feel that I must have another machine for my office. With all the correspondence that is necessary, especially during the absence of Mrs. Potter and the program, I find it impossible to get along with one stenographer. It hardly pays to have work lagging for want of tools. I am therefore enclosing a vote, to ask whether it is your opinion we should purchase two machines, one for the use of the Headquarters and one for the President's office; or whether we should rent machines needed. It always seems to me to pay rent on a machine is a great waste, for it does not take long to pay for a good machine. Will you kindly return your vote as soon as possible?

Faithfully yours

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President

(Per C. M.)



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January 20, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

The result of the vote sent from the President's office on  
January 16th is as follows:

"1. Are you in favor of taking the Balasco Theatre, with the  
opportunity of subletting Monday and Tuesday evenings; or  
of subletting Monday evening and we ourselves holding an  
entertainment on Tuesday evening?"

YES: ( AVERY  
( POTTER  
( BLACKWELL

NO: ( KELLEY  
( UPTON  
( SHAW

"2. Are you in favor of taking the ball room of the Raleigh  
Hotel for \$500.00?"

ALL VOTE NO.

"3. Are you in favor of taking the ball room of the Arlington  
Hotel for \$250.00, making this hotel our convention  
headquarters?"

YES: ( KELLEY  
( UPTON  
( SHAW



#2 Members of Official Board

Feb 20, 1910

NO: ( AVERY  
( POTTER  
( BLACKWELL

Miss Clay telegraph as follows:

"I vote that Committee appointed at Board meeting decide. I prefer Arlington.

Laura Clay."

Whichever way Miss Clay's vote is interpreted would decide the vote of the Committee, and as she says she prefers the Arlington, that would give a majority for the Arlington.

Mrs. Stewart's vote has not yet been received.

It is absolutely impossible to hold the theatre until a second vote is taken. As Miss Clay prefers the Arlington, and as Mrs. Upton says there is no money in the treasury with which to pay a retainer for the theatre, I shall decide that the vote is in favor of the Arlington, unless the other members of the Committee object to this decision. If so, they must make it known immediately. One reason why I feel it is safe in deciding this way is because Miss Jean Gordon has just been here and says that the Civic Federation has just held its meeting at the Arlington. It seems to me that if such an important gathering, as the Civic Federation, could hold its meeting there, it is unwise for us to run the great risk we would have to run in taking the Belasco theatre for the sake of holding our convention in so large a place. I do not want to have it felt that I have made any arbitrary decision, for I shall be perfectly willing to put a second vote if any member of the Committee desires it.

Mrs. Kelley in a letter Faithfully yours,  
accompanied her vote says she & Mrs. A. L. Sharr  
have investigated the Arlington Ball room and feels it is  
advisable to take it



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January 20, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Miss Gordon requested us to ask the Official Board to make a strong endorsement of her method of raising the Susan B. Anthony Suffrage fund, which you will remember I spoke to you about at the time of the Official Board meeting. I asked Mrs. Potter, as secretary, to draw up the paper for us to sign, but she was unable to do so before leaving for the West, so she requested Miss Peck to prepare it, which she did, and I enclose you the result. I think it is a good strong statement, and I shall be very glad to sign it, and hope that each member of the Board will be willing to do so. If, however, you feel it should be changed in any way, please make your suggested changes, and I will have them inserted before it is sent to the various State Presidents and other people whom we desire to interest in securing the fund.

A letter from Mrs. Biggers states that a protest has been filed claiming that 5,000 of the names on the Oklahoma petition are illegal. They have employed an attorney who claims that he does not think the protest will succeed, but poor Mrs. Biggers is in very great distress over the matter. Of course I do not know just what the result will be, and whether all the votes we have taken so far may be entirely useless, but my own feeling in the matter is that Mrs. Boyer should go immediately without waiting for the result of



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either the protest or the decision as to whether the Amendment shall be submitted at a special or general election.

Since the women of Oklahoma have worked so hard to secure this petition, if it should now be thrown out and all their work prove of no value, they will be so witerly discouraged and give up all hope unless there is somebody there to buoy them up and keep them at it. While it will undoubtedly cost a few hundred dollars for Mrs. Beyer to go, still I think in the end it will be worth while, and I hope that this will be the opinion of the majority of the Board; in fact it may be that Mrs. Beyer is already on her way.

Faithfully yours,

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January 19, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

As I wrote you in my little foot-note in the Official Board letter on Monday, the majority of the votes from the Board so far is in favor of sending Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma at once regardless whether the election was special or general.

A letter from Mrs. Biggers tells me that there is likely to be a contest on hand, and it may be that the names will be thrown out after all. But even if that were the case, I should personally be in favor of Mrs. Boyer's going there, because if their names are now thrown out after all the work they have done, and nothing is done to encourage and keep them at it, I am afraid they will drop the whole thing. It may be that by Mrs. Boyer's going and staying with them for a little while, she could keep up their courage and start them afresh again. However, I do not think that a few hundred dollars it will cost will be really wasted in the better feeling which the Oklahoma women will have toward the National. Still when I realize the amount of money we have put in to that State, I sometimes wonder if it is really worth while after all. Yet I suppose the only thing we can do is to do the thing which at the time seems best and it seems best to me that Mrs. Boyer should go, even if there is a contest.

I have written Mrs. Upton to call upon you for the loan of that \$1,000. if there is a special election ordered, because that was the vote of the Official Board. If, however, there is no special election, and the Board has voted that Mrs. Boyer should go, even under these conditions, I suppose the vote to borrow the \$1,000. would cover this new vote which has been taken in regard to Mrs. Boyer's trip to Oklahoma and, on the strength of that, I have asked Mrs. Upton to request the loan of this amount. I think the change of the vote of the Board on Mrs. Boyer's going would include the change of the vote in borrowing the money. If you feel that it does not, I am perfectly willing to sent out another vote, but the time is very short.

With sincere regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw*

*(Per E. M.)*



Lexington, Ky. Jan. 19, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I received your letter about the Hall in Washington this morning; the telegram that I voted was to have the decision rest with the special committee whom the Official Board appointed to have charge of the matter when we were in New York. I consider that after voting them this special business, that we ought not to take the matter out of their hands unless they expressly requested it. My advise would be to take the Arlington Hotel. For I consider \$2000 an alarming price to pay, even with the chances of renting it one or two evenings. I do not know enough of getting up paying entertainments to have any influence at all on the advisability of trying to have one on one of the spare evenings.

I am very glad that the vote was unanimous to send Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma. In a letter from her, she seems not to be much disturbed about the contest entered against the petition. I trust it may not interfere with the chances of the bill.

I received your letter regarding my going to Oklahoma, but I shall reserve my answer until later developments. I would much rather not leave home, especially during our legislative season, as we have some important bills before the Legislature. Now that the Oklahoma matter seems uncertain, I do not think it necessary to answer about going at present.

I note what you say about borrowing the money from the Bruce fund, and I shall write at once to Mrs. McCulloch, asking



her to draw up ~~the~~ note for us which will meet the situation.

Hoping that your health will continue to improve, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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January 16, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Several complications have arisen in regard to the engagement of a theatre in Washington. The price set by the first man who was consulted of \$1,000. for the week did not include any evening meetings, but simply for the afternoon. When the Chief came home he informed us of the fact, and also that the lowest price they would grant the theatre for the week is \$2,000. This includes six week days and Sunday.

In talking the matter over with the Washington people, they thought that as theatres are very much in demand at that time, we would be able to sublet Monday and Tuesday evenings, or sublet Monday evening, and perhaps ourselves have some sort of an entertainment for Tuesday evening which would be a popular one. There are a great many prominent singers, actors and actresses who are in favor of suffrage, and it might be that we could get a good combination for that evening by which we could help to pay the expenses of the theatre. This is the only theatre or hall outside of a hotel which it is possible for us to secure during the month of April. The E.A.R. hall at the most can be secured for two consecutive days only, and that is not sure and will not be until the meeting of the Board on February 2nd. The fact that we can only have two days seems to me to exclude all



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possibility of this hall being any real value to us. The other alternative is the ball room or hall of a hotel. We cannot get the ball room of the Willard, which would be the most popular one, because it is engaged the first two weeks in April. We could secure either the Raleigh at \$500.00, or the Arlington, which holds quite as many if not more, for \$250.00, provided we made the latter our convention headquarters.

If we secure the theatre, we would probably have to pay \$1,000. down to hold it, or if not \$1,000. perhaps \$500., but such a contingency will have to be faced in making our decision. Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Pether are in favor of taking the theatre, and trying to secure an entertainment for Tuesday evening to help pay the expenses.

As the theatre will not hold its dates open for us, and as ~~part~~ of that week is already engaged and they will have to transfer the time, it is imperative that we should know at once from a sufficient number of members of the Board what shall be done in regard to it.

Will you kindly send your vote immediately by telegraph as to whether you prefer the Belasco theatre, the Raleigh or the Arlington ball room, making the latter the convention headquarters.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw*

*We will want to know the \$1,000. sooner rather than later as General Election will be in favor of Miss Bages going at once.*

P.S. Since writing the above, I have learned from the Manager of the Belasco Theatre that the attraction at said theatre for the week of April 11th can be postponed, so that the theatre is open to us if we desire to take it, but I have promised him that he may have the answer very soon, telling him that I have asked for a telegram in reply to my letter.



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January 15, 1910.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

Mrs. Boyer has been here, as I wrote you, and we have had most interesting sessions. This morning we had an interview with Mrs. Belmont, whom Mrs. Boyer asked to go to Oklahoma and help in the special campaign. This greatly amused Mrs. Belmont, but she got very much interested in it when Mrs. Boyer told her of the southern proclivities of the Oklahoma people, and that Oklahoma was practically a southern state. Mrs. Belmont was born in Alabama, although her people are Virginians. When she said it was impossible to go, and Mrs. Boyer emphasized the fact that Mrs. Belmont's influence would be all the greater because she was a southerner, it came to me very suddenly to ask Mrs. Belmont if she would not be glad to have a southern woman go as her substitute. She then asked me if I knew of any southern woman who would go, and I told her of a southern woman who would be glad to go and help if she could leave her work. I suggested Miss Gordon, and told Mrs. Belmont how harmoniously Mrs. Boyer and Miss Gordon were in their work, and that Miss Gordon would be one of the best women to do the work there if she could go. Mrs. Belmont then agreed to pay Miss Gordon's traveling expenses to Oklahoma, and \$100.00 for the month's work there if the amendment is submitted at a special election. I have just written this information to Miss Gordon, and I certainly hope that this contribution of Mrs. Belmont's may be secured through Miss Gordon's acceptance. I will ask Mrs. Belmont to make this contribution to the National treasury.

Now Mrs. Boyer wants just one thing more of the South, and that is yourself. She told me to tell you that they would not ask you to do the hard work you did when you were in Guthrie last year, but if you could just do the special things they would need - the kind of Kentucky touch, such as you alone can give - that it would be an immense service to the campaign, and I hope if you are able, my dear Miss Clay, that you will go to the help of Mrs. Boyer. If the campaign is only to be thirty or forty days long, she certainly will need a great deal of outside help, and she thinks that you and Miss Gordon will be of the greatest possible service to her.



Miss L. Clay

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Mrs. Boyer wanted me to go, but that is absolutely impossible. I would not dare in my present state of health to attempt any vigorous campaign work for the next two or three months, and it would be no use for me to go unless I could do enough work to make it pay. The kind of work that I can do which pays the best is the hardest possible work, going about over the state and lecturing, and of course I should have to move quickly in order to give as many meetings in a few weeks as possible, so I thought it a part of wisdom to stay away. If you and Miss Gordon can go, and Mrs. Boyer thinks she can get at least half a dozen of the State women started out - I hope she will be able to find some men as well - you can make a very good showing in Oklahoma.

I suggested some Colorado woman, but Mrs. Boyer says that Colorado has not much influence in Oklahoma, and she does not think that there is any Colorado woman who would be effective. She was not at all in favor of Mrs. Bradford. She says that when Mrs. Bradford was there before she did not seem to have the good effect which she had hoped from her.

I am improving every day, and am getting along very well.

I will write to you just as soon as I return from the Virginia meeting.

I have just had an invitation to speak at the Civic Club of the University of Virginia before the faculty and the students, but unfortunately I have not a day of additional time in Virginia, or else I would gladly go. I am writing asking if they will let the invitation remain open, and if I may accept it later. I think it is a very good sign of the times to have so well established an institution, as is the University of Virginia, invite us to deliver a suffrage lecture before the faculty. The President states that while they might not agree with me, yet it is one of the great subjects which he feels should be presented before the University.

Hoping that you may be able to go to Oklahoma, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Anna N. Shaw*



Lexington, Ky. Jan. 15/10.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have just gotten your letter of Jan. 13th and have telegraphed yes to sending Mrs. Boyer to Oklahoma, even if there is no special election. I hope sincerely that all the Board will vote to assist Oklahoma. As you know, I consider a campaign in a Democratic and southern state as of vast strategic importance. I suppose our chances of victory there are as good as they have been in several states. I should vote that we should appropriate \$1000 a month from now until two weeks after the election, whether it is general or special. I put in two weeks after the election because there will certainly be considerable closing business at that time. I specify \$1000 a month, because that will about cover the expenses for a general election according to Mrs. Boyer's estimate; ~~in her~~ letter to Mrs. Upton. While perhaps they should vote for more than \$1000 a month ~~if~~ there is a special election, yet I suppose they can raise a good deal of money themselves outside of what they get from the National, which will last them for a few months before a special election. I am trying to be moderate in my desires from the National; but you know my interest in Oklahoma is so strong that if the vote goes for a larger amount I shall acquiesce gladly. I shall hope earnestly that Mrs. Boyer will be sent.

My offer of a loan of \$1000 from the Bruce fund to the National was on condition that there should be a special election; and I held out the likelihood that if the campaign was won, I would make



a donation to the fund of the \$1000. Now it may be convenient for the Board to borrow this money for this general election, and I am willing to do this as I wrote to you in my letter of Jan. 11th but I would like to say that I would not hold out any prospect of making a gift of this \$1000 or any other of the Bruce fund except in case the campaign is won; for as I said in New York I want this fund to stand for victory and not for defeat. With this understanding, if you choose you can put ~~at~~ a vote for making the loan.

I trust that your health is constantly improving.

Very sincerely yours,

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Lexington, Ky. Jan. 11/10.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I have received your letter of Jan. the 7th and with the enclosed vote, to which I have given an affirmative vote. The accounts at Headquarters seem to be giving a good deal of trouble because of the failure to have a bank at hand and rather than to continue this annoyance, I believe it would be better to go to the additional expenses which are entailed by banking in New York, for the time that now intervenes before the Convention. We can then leave these matters to the decision of the Convention, if we have not worked out a simple and inexpensive plan before that time.

I note what you say as to the impracticality of having the Sunday meetings at Headquarters. You know I will not be disappointed at that, because I have all along felt that an attempt to make interesting Sunday afternoons for people, whether strangers in New York or not, was out of the line of our distinctive work.

I am gratified to hear that your health has improved and that you will return to the office next Monday.

I am rejoiced to know that the Oklahoma Petition has been filled and accepted. I have received a letter from Mrs. Biggers, in which she says she hopes they may have the assistance of the National if there is not a special election. I may as well say now that if at any time The National wishes to make the loan from the Bruce fund, which I offered in New York, I am willing to do it, even for a general election, though if the election was not successful



I should certainly expect the loan to be returned.

I shall look forward with interest to a report of your meeting in Virginia.

Very cordially yours,

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January 13, 1910.

Dear Member of the Official Board:

Mrs. Boyer called to see me yesterday,

and we had a long conversation in regard to the Oklahoma situation. She thinks if the amendment is submitted at a special election, that after the announcement has been made it will be altogether too short a time for them to get ready for the election, as there are practically no organizations throughout the State; she therefore feels that every day is a lost one to the Cause, and that she should go immediately, even before the announcement has been made.

Mrs. Boyer's arguments seem very fair and just, and there is but one objection; that is, the vote of the Official Board - that we would not render the same assistance to Oklahoma if the amendment was not submitted at a special election but had to go to a general election. Of course if she goes before the



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statement is made, and there should be no special election, the Official Board might think it hardly a wise use of money to pay her expenses. On the other hand, we talked over the situation of the submission of the amendment at a general election. Mrs. Boyer practically agrees with us that there would be very little hope of carrying the amendment at a general election, and yet she feels that so long as these 40,000 names have been gathered - which is the largest number of names of electors that any state has ever gathered for the purpose of submitting an amendment - and that the Oklahoma suffragists have done all this, it is the duty of the National Association to help them to make the vote as large a one as possible, even though there is not much prospect of its carrying. It is very easy to see the wisdom of this argument, but the only difficulty in the way is that we have not the money. Now if there is any prospect of Miss Gordon being able to raise money, or the National treasurer being able to secure contributions, I have no doubt that we would all agree that this is just what we ought to do, because if the vote in Oklahoma is not a good one, it will redound against us; that is, if it falls below the votes of the other amendments at that election.

I am going to ask you to telegraph me immediately upon receipt of this letter, if you are in favor of running the risk of sending Mrs. Boyer immediately to Oklahoma, because she desires me to telegraph her so that she can start at once, as she feels it is very important that she should be there.



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Mrs. Boyer says that the expenses will be very heavy in connection with a special election campaign; that a large number of people will have to be put in to the field, and that it is impossible to expect the Oklahoma people to raise much money. It seems to me that we ought to stipulate the amount of money we would be willing to give to the Oklahoma campaign, if it is a special election, or if we decide that Mrs. Boyer should remain to conduct the campaign for a general election, we should also stipulate the amount of money per month we should expect to spend.

I will enclose herewith a vote on these questions, but I shall ask you to telegraph the <sup>main</sup> pain point - as to whether Mrs. Boyer should start at once regardless as to whether the election is a special or a general one - and then ask you to write your replies to the questions.

You have all received a copy of Mrs. Boyer's letter to Mrs. Upton, and it is unnecessary for me to repeat anything which she says in it. It will guide you in regard to the financial position.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna H. Shaw*  
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Dear Member of the Official Board:

January 7, 1910.

I have not yet heard from most of you in regard to the Sunday meetings at Headquarters, and it is just as well, because when I spoke to Miss Anthony about being a Member of the Committee (after I had written you), she declined to do so, as it would be necessary for her to look after the preparation of my office for the meetings, as that would be the only National room available, and she did not wish to be compelled to look after it every week, and the work of arranging my office could not be placed in the hands of a person unfamiliar with it. Still it is unnecessary now, as far as the National is concerned, because I am having my office partitioned in such a way that it will not leave any room for such meetings; if they are to be held at all, it will have to be done by the State Association. The partition in my office is made in order that I may not be interrupted in my work by all the people who come to Headquarters, and that I need see only those whom it is desirable I should meet; the arrangement will be a very great relief.

A letter from Mrs. Potter states that she would like to open an account with the Empire Trust Company, in which she has a personal account, but which she says she will close out this week. Personally, I know nothing of the standing of the bank. I am enclosing herewith a statement of the bank's affairs, and also a vote.

A telegram has just come from Mrs. Biggers as follows:

"Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 6, 1910.

Dr. Anna Shaw,  
505 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Our petition filed and accepted this afternoon.

Mrs. Kate H. Biggers

1:36 a.m."

to which I have replied:

"If submitted at special election, telegraph Boyer immediately, and National will assist.

Anna H. Shaw."

I had already written to Mrs. Biggers, according to the vote of the Committee, that the National would assist Oklahoma with Mrs. Boyer, if the Amendment was submitted at a special election.

Faithfully,

*Anna H. Shaw.*



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My dear Miss Clay:

Your letter is just received in regard to the appointment of the member of the Committee for the meetings to be held at National Headquarters. The enclosed Official Board letter will explain to you that it is not now necessary.

How sorry I am you did not get those fifty-five members of the Louisville Association so as to have brought Kentucky ahead of Illinois. I think this little rivalry between states is going to be very helpful.

Thank you. My health is improving very rapidly, and I expect to go back to my office next Monday.

I, too, am looking forward with interest to the meeting in Virginia, and I do hope it will be a good success.

Thanking you for your good wishes, which are returned a thousand fold, I am

Faithfully yours,

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January 3rd 1909 <sup>E 19107</sup>

Dear Member of the Official Board

I received a letter from Mrs. Stewart, dated December 29th, in which she says: "I have to leave for California tomorrow. I plan to return to Chicago by February 1st, but of course it is a little uncertain. The ticket by South Dakota would be more expensive than the fare from Chicago and return. The extra train fare to return by a northern route is quite a little, and extra sleeping car, meals, etc., would make quite a sum. So I shall come back to Chicago, where of course there will be a great deal awaiting my attention then. Doctor Aylesworth is engaged for February, Miss Grim to be routed, etc., and unless it seems too late when I get back, I can probably work in some time in South Dakota in February or March." Mrs. Stewart adds: "It may be that they will have overcome all their difficulties by that time, and that my going will not be so imperative. I shall have to be guided by your knowledge of their needs and judgment on the matter when I return. If it is too late to do them the good I might do now, there will be no use going." Mrs. Stewart also asks if there is anything she can do for the National in California, as she will be in the neighborhood of Los Angeles until about the 15th of this month. She states that she has left the Minutes of the Official Board meeting to be sent to the various members of the Official Committee.



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I have also just received a letter from Miss Penfield in which she says it is planned to have a meeting of the Campaign Committee when the Press Association meets in Sioux Falls January 27th. After some demur, Mrs. Johnson consented. Then we will know better what we need to do. Miss Penfield says - "Mrs. Tinsley and I have talked over having Mrs. Stewart. What is needed is a Press woman, and organizers out in the State. At Headquarters they are very busy, and getting all lines of work and correspondence well started. Mrs. Stewart is really not needed there. What suggestions she can give, would be worked out in a few days; and then she would go in to the State, perhaps to the western part. To get organization requires the personal work on the spot, and that is the great need here now. We need organizers more than we need anything else. Would Mrs. Stewart do this."

I am quite sure Mrs. Stewart would not think of going to South Dakota for organization work. She has all the work she can do in Illinois. Mrs. Stewart's thought in going was to assist them in directing the lines of campaign work from Headquarters. I think if Mrs. Stewart had been able to go in December, she would have been a great help, but as it is not possible for her to go now before February or March, that would be altogether too late to be of any service to them, as certainly by that time things will be well under way. I do feel, however, we should encourage them to find some local organizers, for one organizer in the field during the time of the campaign is a very meagre reed to build any hopes of success. They should have at least ten or fifteen workers out now until summer getting organizations ready for the speaking campaign which will come later in the



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fall. But to my mind there is really no use of a speaker going in to the State just yet until campaign committess are started, and good meetings can be thoroughly worked up before a speaker goes in to the State. I think it would be a waste of money to send a speaker the long distances one has to go in South Dakota, unless ~~less~~ meetings were well worked up in advance.

Miss Penfield says - "if Mrs. Petter should come, she will do much good here. We need in Sioux Falls a strong speaker. Mrs. Tinsley tried unsuccessfully to get Sen. La Follette and Judge Lindsey. Judge Lindsey may come later. The Bureau in charge of Mrs. Snowden refunded \$10.00 of our advertising expenses."

I suppose by this time Mrs. Avery will have corresponded with Mrs. Tinsley in regard to the press woman, and I hope Miss Hays is on her way.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna N. Shaw.*



Jan. 4th, 1910.

My dear Miss Shaw,

I am just home from Richmond Virginia this morning and I find your letter of December the 30th awaiting me.

Yes, I vote that you shall appoint the committee for the meetings, voted to be held at the National Headquarters.

I received dues for 55 more members of the Louisville E.R.A. which had they come in time would have made 957 members for Kentucky, and would have placed us just a little ahead of the Illinois Association. Mrs. White writes that our Convention was a great help to Louisville.

I hope that your health has improved.

The Virginia Suffragists are all looking forward to your coming on the 25th.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,