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You need not caution me to keep the southern press work in mind. I have it on my mind all the time. I have often thought that the southern women might be enfranchised before the northern because of the solution of the colored question, but we meet the indifference of southerners at every turn. For instance, I am working alone almost on the Oklahoma Campaign and the universal report from the two territories is that the southern people are opposed to our question. I am getting some literature especially for them and am asking Miss Clay to write some letters to the "choice spirits" and am doing everything I can to "break in".

I have received the Alexander Stephens article and am forwarding it to Miss Blackwell as you suggested.

Cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Sept. 5, 1905.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Sometimes I laugh and sometimes I get furious at the letters which come to this office from Mrs. Duniway. Almost everybody who gets a letter from her feels it her duty to send it on here. In the first place, I cannot read them without clerical assistance, and then when I do read them, I wish to goodness I never had read them. She has done the swiftest things and I do not know what in the world we are going to do with her. She comes out in print and talks about the old maids from the east and says that her articles are so strong that the papers in which she publishes have a run and she is proposing the formation of other societies and every dreadful thing. I have written Dr. Cora Smith Eaton, who sent me one of these letters, asking if she knows of any medicine which would affect Mrs. Duniway's case. Seriously, I do not know what we are to do. Part of the Business Committee, in writing me, have said we might as well give up and not do any more in Oregon. Others have said if we are going to let one old woman floor us, we better close up shop and go into some other kind of business. However, as soon as Miss Shaw can get through her mail and know what there is to do, I hope she will think of something which can help the Oregon situation. It is largely on account of Oregon that I wish a committee meeting early. Of course Oklahoma is pressing as well.

I have had a long letter from Dr. Cora Smith Eaton and she has gone to work in Washington just as she did in Minnesota and she

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has drawn a lot of the strong women there to her and they are organizing some clubs in and about Seattle, acting upon Miss Gordon's plan of parlor meetings, and getting things under way. The Washington women all agree that Mrs. Devoe will undoubtedly succeed Dr. Cummings as President, and Dr. Eaton says they are talking over the question of the campaign and are planning to make themselves strong enough so that they can manage their own campaign and not be such a strain on us. They may ask us for some literature and at the end for some speakers, but they are trying to teach themselves to manage their own campaign. She writes very nicely in regard to this and I know you will be glad to know it.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Member of the Business Committee;-

You will remember how determined the West Virginia women were last year not to have Mrs. Hall for President. They did everything they possibly could to get rid of her and finally Dr. Jones was instrumental in having Mrs. Southern elected. Mrs. Southern is a sister of Jessie G. Manley. She has been in delicate health and now it seems she has a cancer and is not going to be able to attend the annual meeting at Wheeling. Dr. Jones writes me in the most serious vein, saying that since Mrs. Southern is sick, if they cannot prevent it in some way, Mrs. Hall will be the presiding officer, as she is Vice-President, at Wheeling, and to have Mrs. Hall in the chair at that convention is the worst thing they can possibly have. She says Mrs. Hall has some good qualities but she has no following whatever. And I remember hearing Miss Gordon say that if she lived in Wheeling and had to belong to Mrs. Hall's club or none, she would belong to none. Now Dr. Jones writes me, asking if I do not think Mrs. Southern can resign and have the Executive Committee appoint somebody in her place. I feel as if this was a question for West Virginia to settle and I surely do not feel as if one National officer ought to settle it, and so I am writing Dr. Jones that I do not feel as if I ought to give her an opinion; that the thing is unfortunate but really I do not believe that it would hardly be the right thing a month before the convention to appoint someone for President. Several of you have been in West Virginia and know the conditions.

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If you think this is a matter of enough importance, will you let Miss Shaw know what your opinion in regard to the West Virginia case is? They have asked me to speak for them on the evening of their convention. I have told them that I am not speaker enough to occupy a place of that kind, although I would be willing to go down there for my expenses and help them as I could. It is too bad when Miss Gordon Miss Clay and Dr. Jones worked up West Virginia as they did that we should have this troublesome Mrs. Hall always in the way.

Cordially yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I have been trying to shoulder the work in Oklahoma during Miss Shaw's absence, and have done the best I could. I have become so interested in it that if I didn't like my father pretty well I would promptly pack my trunk and go there. I have never in my life been so fascinated with ^{any} work and its development. I have had to assume the responsibility of deciding many things which I did not like to take upon myself, but it could not be helped. However, there is one question which I must refer to you, and which I must ask you to answer upon receipt of this.

Mrs. Biggers writes that Dr. Frank P. Davis, Vice-President of the Democratic Central Committee, is a candidate for the Constitutional Convention, an ardent suffragist, secretary of the Jefferson Club, and seems to be in good standing. He has asked Mrs. Biggers to influence the suffragists to help him in his canvass, and she has referred the matter to me, but I have refused to counsel her, as this to my mind is a question of policy which all the officers of the association should consider. If we do endorse and help him, we shall be following out the plans which the labor association, the initiative and referendum people, the anti-saloon element, and many others do, but it will be entirely in opposition to our own policy. Of course if we do not help him and he is not elected, he will not feel under any great obligations to stand by us in any future suffrage work. If we do endorse him and he is not

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lected, we will probably have a friend. However, we are not absolutely sure of this. If we endorse him and he is successful, of course his opponent will lay his own defeat to woman suffrage. If we do not endorse him and he is not successful, his opponent would never think of giving us any credit. So there it is! As we have no club at Agra---the home of Dr. Davis---I do not see how we could help him very much.

I am writing Mrs. Biggers that she will hear from me in a few days.

Cordially yours

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Dear Miss Clay:-

There is a Mr. Frank M. Bailey, at Chickasha, I.T., who used to live in Mississippi. He is a very nice young man, and Mrs. Biggers wants you to write him a letter. She says he is not in favor of women voting on account of the old Southern prejudice, that he is a lawyer, and if he were not a fellow of such prominence she wouldn't bother with him.

I am going to tell you something which I have not yet made up my mind whether I shall tell the Business Committee or not. I may do so.

When Miss Anthony and I called on President Roosevelt last fall, we told him about Governor Brodie vetoing the suffrage bill in Arizona, and he was much surprised. If it had been anyone but Mr. Roosevelt I would have thought he was not telling the truth, for it didn't seem possible that any man could have an appointee as prominent as Brodie and not know what he was doing. At any rate, I found he did not know. He said to me, "Why didn't you let me know?" I told him that I supposed of course he did know. You remember we were in New Orleans at that time, and many of us thought we ought to go to Washington and make some attempt to overrule Brodie, but we knew very little about the Arizona campaign. You know Mrs. Catt had it in charge, and we did not have the details. The President said to me that when anything of like character came

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up again to let him know. Now Governor Frantz of Oklahoma was a Rough Rider, and for that reason was appointed to the governorship. He lately made a speech---the silliest thing I ever heard---in which he said that he didn't want to know anybody who believed in woman suffrage, or something of the kind, I have not the time to look it up I wrote him, saying this was a rather bold statement for him to make, that the man who appointed him to office, with whom he rode up San Juan Hill, believed in woman suffrage, and gave him the President's record. Then it occurred to me that although it was a very little thing, I might write the President in regard to it. So I did write him, and wrote also to Mr. Loeb, his private secretary, telling him of my conversation with the President, and asked him as a special favor to see that Mr. Roosevelt received this letter.

I was much astonished a few days ago to receive a letter from Mr. Loeb saying the President had received my letter, was much interested, and that if I should happen to be in Washington in October or December he would like very much to have me call and see him. If I knew exactly what he wanted, that is, if I thought he would offer to touch up Frantz, I think it would pay us for me to make the trip down to Washington; but if he wants to talk on general matters, that is another thing.

As I said, I have not reported this to the Business Committee as yet.

Cordially yours

HTU.-R.

Harriet Taylor Upton

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 8th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I answer your letter of Sept. 5th first.

Endorsement of Dr. Davis. It seems to me that is a question for the Oklahoma Asso. to decide entirely for itself. Mrs. Biggers is a competent woman; and she will be able to find out for herself much better than we can tell her how far the suffragists can help Dr. Davis with advantage to our cause ~~than the business of the year~~. Being on the ground, she can also change their policy more quickly, if there should appear to be occasion to do so. The trouble we are just now having with Oregon, and the plain way in which Washington is letting us know that they think too much direction from the National is not wise, ought to teach us the lesson of not directing except when there is a clear necessity for us to do so. I do not think this request for advice from Mrs. Biggers is an imperative reason why we should give it either one way or another. I should advise her to consult her own Executive Committee, and explain to her that the National did not think it best to indicate any settled policy in those matters.

MRS. DUNIWAY. I am of the opinion that we should continue to help with the work on the petition till it is finished, and then leave the Oregon factions to themselves for awhile, to settle their difficulties for themselves. If we give up that petition work, I doubt very much whether they will complete it themselves; and then our thousands of dollars which have been spent there will be practically thrown away.

WEST VIRGINIA. I like your answer to Dr. Jones. It is what I would have advised.

DR. WOODS. Of course, I should be willing for a salary to be paid to Dr. Woods for the time she uses to go to Oklahoma for Labor Day.

MISS FLORENCE HOGE. I answered Miss Hoge to the best of my ability, though there is really no answer that is perfectly satisfactory to those who do not believe in the abstract right of women to a share in government. Usually the danger from the negro woman's vote is greatly exaggerated by fear, and this I pointed out to Miss Hoge. Many persons are ignorant of the relative numbers of white and colored women. I return Miss Hoge's letter.

- Can you tell me how to reach Mr. Wm. Wallace by letter? I wrote to him several days ago about the notes I left in charge of the Warren bank; but I have had no answer.

I did not know that Miss Shaw had arrived; but I suppose we shall soon have a call for a Business Meeting now.

Give my love to all in the office, and with much to yourself, I am yours,

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sure you will be overwhelmed with letters from Miss Shaw for a few days. My, but I am sorry for her! She has to study up all the things which have happened in the past three months and get hold of matters, then start out into the field about the 15th of this month.

I note what you say about Dr. Davis, and I have written Mrs. Biggers accordingly.

I am not going to touch on Mrs. Duniway. I think the Business Committee will have to sit on her a whole day. Glad you wrote Miss Hoge.

I am sorry you had to bother to write to Mr. Wallace. I could have attended to the matter for you. He is in England, and I suppose the appearance of your note made the people think it was personal^{al} and they forwarded it to him. If there is anything special you wish to write about, Henry Dietz, Cashier Union National Bank, will be the one to write to.

Cordially yours

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Mrs. Biggers still continues to write encouraging news and to send lists for literature. She is having the lists carefully marked, so I will know whether the people are from the North or the South, whether they are suffragists or not; and we are taking the greatest kind of care in sending letters and literature to them. Did I tell you that Governor Frantz spoke against suffrage, and said he didn't want to hear anyone say they believed in woman suffrage? I wrote him that the man who appointed him to office and with whom he rode up San Juan Hill claims to believe in it, and they evidently would not agree. Frantz is attending all the ~~picknick~~ candidates' meetings, and making little speeches, and they say he wants to be governor. On the other hand, Mr. Ferguson, who is an out and out suffragist, has been nominated for Congress over the heads of all the bosses. The most encouraging thing to me about Oklahoma is that the things which are unpopular with the bosses seem to be growing in favor. For instance, the Initiative & Referendum, and all that kind of thing.

Mrs. Biggers says that the Labor Association did pass the suffrage resolution which she asked them to do, and which she had to go away and leave in their hands. I have not had the wording of the resolution, but I have the labor platform, and it mentions the fact that they believe in equal suffrage for all people over 21 years of age. I want the full text for this week's news' item. She says that a man there who is known as "Old Man Campbell" has

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come out for suffrage, and says that he and his four sons will vote for it. She ~~adds~~ adds: "That is pretty good for one family. There are several other men around here who have promised to look into it, and I have not had to work very hard to get them either."

I have had numerous letters from time to time from Mrs. Rice, President of the Kansas Association, and I believe Kansas has not had any such president as she for years. She has not been able to accomplish much, but has done more than anyone I have known in Kansas since Laura Johns' time. She says the State is simply full of sentiment, and she has tried to find out why there is so little actual work done; that she has interviewed the congressmen with very good results; has gone before the different associations, like Letter Carriers, and been pretty brave about it. I begin to believe there is a glimmer of hope for us in Kansas after all,- I mean in the growth of sentiment.

I like to tell you these little things as they happen, because at any time a question may come up in relation to Kansas, and we will then be better able to decide what to do.

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In a letter received to-day from Miss Shaw, in which she writes about the Oklahoma situation, she suggests that I take immediate charge of the Oklahoma campaign, and that she will help in any way she can. I have written her that it will not be possible for me to do this; and, thinking she might suggest this same thing to you I am writing you how I feel about it.

Sometimes my conscience smites me because I have had to neglect the Treasurer's work this summer for other departments. I certainly have sat at my desk all the day long through the summer, grinding out answers to letters and requests that have come from this sudden interest in our question, and I have not been able to get out the letters for direct memberships, nor plan the letters which I usually do at this time of year for the money for the year. There are certain times in the year when one can get money with much more ease than at others, and the early fall, when people are coming back from the country, before they settle down for the winter affairs, and before the holidays, is the best time to do this. So even if I felt myself equal to the Oklahoma work--which I do not at all-- I would not think it was right for me to divert my attention from my own particular line. Anyone of you is more capable than I of doing this work.

Cordially yours

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Harriet Taylor Upton

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Washington D.C. Sept. 6, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Upton,

Enclosed please find a list of questions which seems to me to cover the ground as well as I am able to make them; Miss Norcross has been helping me this afternoon and will help to get them out. I want you to examine them and see if they can be made stronger and better. I do not want to ask for legislation that is not constitutional. In one suffrage report there is an endorsement of a congressional bill asking for a board of child and animal protection and I was undecided whetherto ask for that ora commission.

We also tried to frame a letter to send but have not got it in shape yet; when we do we will submit it. I think we should use the letter head but put on Congressional Committee instead of National Headquarters and Washington instead of Warren. I am sorry we could not get the list of political women but I have delayed too long. We can perhaps get that later. Will write again on a day or two.

Cordially yours,
E.M. Gillette.

1. Are you in favor of a commission to investigate conditions of women in industry as suggested by President Roosevelt in his Message to Congress Dec. 5th. 1905?
2. Are you in favor of a commission to investigate the conditions of child labor in the States and Territories and the laws governing same?
3. Are you in favor of arbitration as a means of settling International difficulties?
4. Are you in favor of equal pay for equal work regardless of sex and of such legislation as will secure to women equally with men opportunities for appointment and promotion under the civil service?
5. Are you in favor of an amendment to the Federal Constitution protecting women citizens of the United States in their right to vote?

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Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

March 16th. Emma M. Gillette wrote that she had been thinking seriously of taking up some work for the suffrage Association, and she believed she would take up the Congressional work if that was satisfactory to us. She says that since Miss Anthony and I stopped our Congressional work in Washington, she has seen it go down and, although she cannot do what we did, still she could get the names of prominent women to constitute a Congressional Committee and let her be the Secretary and what she would do would be to approach every candidate for Congress in the United States endeavoring to get an expression of his opinion on blanks approved by the National Association and follow this up with local work by as many suffragists as we could get in each Congressional District. She says she has always thought there should be a woman at the Capital through the whole Congress to watch legislation that woman to have a salary. In her usual judicial way, she proceeds to tell me the pros and cons of such work and then she says if the National Committee should think this was a wise thing to do she would pledge that the Committee should bear all the expenses, unless it seemed wise to extend the work in some way so that the expenses would be too heavy. Then she asks my opinion on this question and says that she wants to know right away because she has been carrying on Winodaghais for many years ~~INDEX~~ financially

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and otherwise, and now she has a chance to dispose of it and she will go into some other sort of work and if this pleases us, it will be this work. I wrote her that I liked her suggestion very much but of course that was only a personal opinion, that Miss Shaw and Miss Mary Anthony would be here on their way to Portland and I would lay the matter before them. When they came I did talk with them and Miss Shaw said she thought the work was splendid and we would want her to go on with it on just the lines she had thought out. I wrote Miss Gillette to that effect and then told her that we had a sub-committee in the Business Committee, consisting of Kelley, Gordon and Jeffreys, whose duty it was to attend to all Congressional and Legislative business. Miss Shaw suggested at the time of her visit that Miss Gillette begin right away to look after the voting women in Alaska. It happened at that time that I had quite a lengthy opinion in my office for which I had asked Mrs. McGilloch in regard to the Federal Suffrage and the 16th Amendment, &c. I sent this to Miss Gillette. About this time Miss Gillette had severe illness in her family: her brother-in-law sickened and later died and the matter was held in abeyance. I felt as if it were too important a matter for Miss Gillette and myself to decide and that we had no authority to decide it and yet I did not want Miss Gillette to feel that we were not interested. I carried her along for sometime in that way. Finally when we talked about having a Business Committee meeting upon the return of the folks from Oregon, I asked her if she could be at that meeting. I told her I thought it would be very much better for her to talk with us than to try to settle it by writing. She

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replied that she would try to take her vacation at that time. Then you know we did not have any Business Committee meeting and I suggested as I said before her going to see Mrs. Kelley and that could not be accomplished and so she has been writing me off and on in regard to it. She knows ^{James} ~~Henry~~ Garfield quite well and proposes to see him about certain matters. Occasionally through the summer I have written Miss Gillette just to show her that at least I was interested in her project and she has assured me off and on that it was all right to put things by for a little time. Under date of Sept. 6th. she sends me a list of questions which she is about to send out to Congressmen. I am sending you a copy of those questions, also of her letter. You see that, although she has had no direct appointment from the Business Committee, Miss Shaw's word to her through me and my encouragement has led her to believe that we will want her to do the work. In the meantime, I have felt somehow as if Mrs. Kelley did not approve and, although I do not think it is right ever to act on ones feelings without knowledge, it has caused me some anxiety. Do you feel that it is all right for Miss Gillette to go on with this work as she has planned it, or shall I write her that we would rather she would wait until the Business Committee has acted upon it and in that case shall I ask her to be present at our Business Committee meeting in October? If the meeting is to be held in New York or Philadelphia, I feel sure she would be willing to attend. But if it is held in Warren, she might not feel she could afford to. She could not come here and return to Washington for less than \$30 00 including her hotel expenses.

I am so anxious to have somebody looking after the details of the Congressional work at Washington, I am so anxious to have Miss Gillette associated with us because of her integrity that I may have made more of this matter than seems necessary to most of you.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Sept. 17th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I was much interested in your letter of the 11th inst., concerning Miss Gillette's proposition. Of course, I feel that the Sub-Com. on Congressional work should have the principal voice in deciding on the proposition, but it is just as well for me to say that I approve of it very much. I have long thought that a good committee in Washington would do us a great deal more good than the spasmodic efforts of delegates to the Washington convention, which I believe to be one of the reasons why some of our suffragists hold so firmly to the immovable convention. I would approve of inviting Miss Gillette to attend the B.C. meeting in Warren on the 11th of October, though it does not appear to me to be at all essential to have her present, as the work just now, at least, is not so complicated that it could not be carried on by correspondence. However, it would be a courtesy and an expression of appreciation of its importance to invite Miss Gillette, and leave it to her to decide if it is necessary for her to come. I like her list of questions; and personally I am pleased that taking the protection of animals under charge of the suffrage association has been left to. However highly philanthropic that idea may be, it has always belittled the work of the Association in my mind. If I felt that Women, (with capital W) did not need the ballot for their own protection, I should certainly not devote my life to getting it for them; and I am not disposed to racket women and animals together even in philanthropy. As for children, I believe women to be their natural protectors, and they will be protected very nearly in proportion to women's power to do so. It is our best method to get

the power and then proceed to use it. That is a point that the enfranchised women of Colorado overlooked when they foisted that resolution on the National Convention.

I am pleased that Miss Shaw showed the appreciation she did of your efforts in Oklahoma by inviting you to take charge of that correspondence, as she explains in a recent letter. I do hope you will see your way clear to accepting the charge; for I am like you, I am hopeful of winning something in Oklahoma, and I think the best chance of doing so is to leave the correspondence in the hands of one who has done it so well.

I have never been able to write any of the Oklahoma letters you have asked me to do. Probably you have no idea how disabling the heat has been. I have considered it even dangerous to exert myself any more than necessity required. I have not spent a summer in Lexington for twenty years, perhaps, and nothing but imperative business would have induced me to do so this summer. I do not know how important you may consider my writing those letters. If I thought you laid great stress on them, now it is cooler I would do what I can; but I really do not see what excuse I could frame to write to that young lawyer in Chickasha, to whom Mrs. Biggers wishes me to write. It seems to me her request is a mere anxiety that something should be done, without really reflecting that that something should be.

I noted what you said about your letter to the President. I am delighted you have such an invitation, and I think you should act on it, if at any time you should think it an opportune time.

Thank you for giving the address of Mr. Dietz.

I expect to attend the W.C.T.U. Convention a part of the time, and we get a resopution.

Cordially yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

The Illinois people have been corresponding with me more or less about organization work in that State. It seems Mrs. Stewart has collected \$100. for such work, and engaged Maud Wood Park for two weeks I think. Mrs. McCulloch, as you know, never took much interest in the general organizing work. She writes me this morning that Illinois wants some organizing done before the National Convention, and wonders why we cannot send Dr. Woods to them for a month or six weeks. She says they could take her the last week in November, and a month just preceding the National Convention. She adds: "You know when Mrs. Springer gave us such a generous sum for the Arizona and Oklahoma protest work, you and Miss Shaw told me you would make it up some way to Illinois, perhaps being responsible for an organizer." She offers to arrange for the routes, and let the collections go toward expenses and salary of the organizer; says Illinois hates to ask this, but they have a great drain on them for the National Convention. She further says:

"We have previously secured Mrs. Maud Wood Park for two weeks on our college work and Mrs. Henry for two weeks in Chicago, all in October. Mrs. Stewart is doing a lot of speaking this fall, largely at W.C.T.U. conventions. She will have a fight to keep them from electing her president; they want her; but she is pledged to stick by us, the Illinois E.S.A."

Mrs. McCulloch I believe thinks that we still have left some of the money from the protest work, but you will remember that

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it was returned to the donors. In the case of Mary Wood Swift, and it may be one other, the money was given back to us.

It seems to me that since Mrs. McCulloch has finally made up her mind to help with the regular organizing work, and Mrs. Stewart is so active, we could not invest our money in a better way; but I am writing her that the Business Committee will meet here on the 11th of October, and that we shall then answer her. If you think this should be done before that time, will you please communicate with Miss Shaw; or will Miss Shaw send out a vote on the subject?

As the time is short, I am sending this direct to you instead of through Miss Shaw.

Cordially yours

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Dear Miss Clay,

I never can think to tell you that I have not yet placed your \$2000 00. I have had a chance, once or twice, to divide it and I have had a chance to place it; but I hated to divide it and the offers which I have had were not wholly satisfactory to me. I thought it would better stay where it is than to run any risk. I think sometimes I am too cautious.

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Warren, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

In view of the changed conditions in Oregon, what instructions do you want to give the National Press Committee? It may not be necessary to decide this until the Business Committee meeting, but I think you would better be thinking it over.

When Mrs. Boyer went to Oregon she took charge of the press work and upon her leaving it was put into Miss Pease's hands. We have been sending, by Mrs. Boyer's instructions, certain articles to Mrs. Evans for insertion in the Journal each week. Miss Pease has been getting seventy-five articles each week, but now she says that the press work will have to be done at National Headquarters and she sends us a letter which Mrs. Boyer had framed for her to send out to the newspapers in Oregon. Miss Pease says that if the National does not take the Oregon press work that it will fall into Mrs. Duniway's hands and we all know the result. On the other hand, if Mrs. Duniway knows we are going to take it, I do not know what she will do. I have written Miss Pease that I will send her the articles for this week and she must get them out and hereafter I will send her certain articles for the Oregon papers and the Business Committee would decide what we would do further.

By the way, Miss Pease says in her letter of to-day that Mrs. Duniway is very much disturbed because she is not going to go on with the work and she, Mrs. Duniway, offers to pay Miss Pease \$75. if she will continue. Miss Pease, however, thinks it is not safe for her to rely upon Mrs. Duniway in this and I think she is wise.

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Warren, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Miss Shaw asked Mrs. Boyer to lunch with her a few days ago and she has written me that as she is leaving for the West, she is going to turn over to me, the question of settling matters with Mrs. Boyer. When Mrs. Boyer was here in the mid-summer, she said that she could go to Oklahoma, she thought, but she could not tell until she had seen Mr. Boyer: you all know what followed after that. Now while Miss Shaw was in Europe I investigated the workers for Oklahoma. We all agreed that it was not wise to have Miss Gregg and her time was given to Nebraska. Dr. Woods was not able to go. Mrs. Meredith could not go at all until after Nov. 6th and that would be too late for her kind of work. Mrs. Bradford was not fitted for office work. One of our members thought it was very necessary to have a woman from the enfranchised states but she did not know any such woman and when she gave me the names of several to whom I could write in regard to Colorado workers, the only names I got were Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Meredith, and Mrs. Conine, so really Mrs. Biggers and I have been pulling along with no help at all and nothing in sight. Miss Shaw therefore asked Mrs. Boyer to lunch with her and talked over the matter with her and Mrs. Boyer says she could go to Oklahoma and she could go right away. Miss Shaw did not clinch things with her because the matter of Oklahoma had been left temporarily in my hands, but she told me that Mrs. Boyer would want \$100. a month and her expenses. Miss Shaw was then leaving for her long Western trip and had the house full, was trying to clean up her letters and visiting with friends, and getting off. She added as a post-script, with her pen, "Telegraph Mrs. Boyer". This letter came yesterday morning just as the delegates for our Trumbull County Convention were coming in. Through the Convention I thought about it and when I remembered how many years our organizers, who did hard field work, spoiling their clothes, and creating a good deal of expense for themselves, had worked for \$75. a month and expenses, collecting part of their expenses from the field, it did seem a good deal for us to give Mrs. Boyer \$75. and more. To be sure, the organizers of late have gotten \$100., but that has been only the experienced organizers.

Now in view of the fact that I have had so much other work to do this summer I have not been able to get at the money part of our work; that is such an important part of our work and our Treasury is drained dry. Therefore I telegraphed Mrs. Boyer, asking her if she would go to Oklahoma and leave the salary to be settled by the Business Committee. I have not yet received her answer. I rather fancy she will not want to do this; she seemed to stand pretty firm for a good sharp salary whenever she has talked to me. However, if she does not, I suppose we will have to give her the full \$100. because Mrs. Biggers must have help. We have dallied along entirely too long now. The Oklahoma people have been stirred up all summer. There has hardly been a week that there has not been an important

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Convention, either District, County, or State, where we should have had a resolution and someone to present it.

We have always considered that Oklahoma was too hot for work in summer but this has been an exceptional summer. Mrs. Biggers sent me a list of twenty Farmer's Institutes and Grange meetings at which we should have been represented, but we could not. I am reporting this to you so show you what the condition is and also that I am making an effort to get Mrs. Boyer at a little lower salary.

I did feel so sorry for Miss Shaw having to leave in such confusion and go into the field. I said to one of the young women in the office that if I had to drop my desk to-day and go into the field I should feel it was the awfulest thing ever was.

There is nothing in this letter which needs an answer and before it goes out I may hear from Mrs. Boyer, so I will add a note.

Faithfully yours,

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Mrs. Boyer's telegram has come saying she agreed with Miss Shaw to go for \$100 & expenses so that is settled.

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Sept. 25, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay,

The Kentucky State Grange meets in Lexington Oct 23rd.
to 25th. Miss N. D. Bristow, Union, Ky. is the Secretary. In
view of the fact that the National Grange has endorsed us and
also that this particular Grange has a woman for Secretary, it ought
to be an easy matter to secure a resolution from them. I pass the
information on to you and know you will use it if you can.

Cordially yours,

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Warren, Ohio, Oct. 1st, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:

Katharine Reed Balentine's October number of the "Yellow Ribbon" is out. I wrote and told her about the conditions on the Coast and about the personnel there and she writes and thanks me and says she intends to devote her paper entirely to suffrage; she isn't going to have any other "isms" hitched to it.

I hate to write so hastily, and in such choppy sentences, but the pressure in this office just now is something terrific!

Faithfully yours,

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Dear Mrs. Upton,

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Know you will be interested in what is being done at the Fair. Major Biggers put up a fine large tent, next to Floral Hall, the very best location on the Grounds. The tent bears a great big sign, "Equal Suffrage Headquarters." Mrs. Biggers is hostess and dispenses tea and wafers. The tent was filled all yesterday. My task was to talk suffrage and distribute literature. We discovered many new suffragists and are elated at the amount of sentiment shown. Last evening we drove into town to a G.A.R. reunion. Blues and Grays slobbering over each other and swapping yarns. They gave me all the time I wanted. I wore both badges, for the women of North and South have a like interest in the ballot for the protection of the home, &c. Mrs. Biggers was delighted at the number of men who came up to talk to me after the meeting. We could scarcely get away. I am telling you this to show how much sentiment we find. It doesn't mean that I made a good speech, for I am not in any sense a talker- on the platform I mean- but I do want to impress on the Business Committee the importance of action immediately while there is a sentiment to work on. I am making appointments wherever possible and promising "talks" for some one in the desperate hope that perhaps you will send a field worker here. Holdenville is ready for organization. Shawnee wants an address. There could be parlor meetings galore in Chickasha and vicinity. I know my limitations and don't want to shirk. But it requires some one with much more ability than "Yours Truly". The general expression is that the Initiative and Referendum will pass. This is conceded by all. If we can be first in the field with our petition, it will be a diplomatic stroke. Had a pleasant chat with Mr. Hayes. Haskell, Hopkins

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Suffrage for women would amount to a limited amount of suffrage.
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Congressional aspirant "Refer Bond. He was out of town. Mrs.

Refer used to think she wanted to vote until she saw the women "act up"

in an election in Kentucky and that settled her. No women in politics
for the lady again. Mrs. Biggers is very kind. She takes me everywhere
to see everyone I suggest, but she is timid about interviewing. It is hard
for her to overcome a natural diffidence.

We have been talking about a Mrs. Alice Blackburn of Berlin
Roger Mills Co. She is a roly poly pleasant faced woman with seven
children and edits a page in a Farmer's paper. She has been in corres-
pondence with Miss Shaw on Suffrage topics, Mr. Biggers thinks.

During the Kansas Campaign the W.C.T.U. women made suffrage
their principal work for the year. Would it be feasible to ask the same
of the Indian Territory this year. They have had their convention but
perhaps the various clubs would receive suggestions from Miss Brehm. Ms.
Blackburn might be secured to canvas Roger Mills Co. as a W.C.T.U. woman
not as a suffragist. Oklahoma has a great many Kansas women in its W.C.T.U
organization. They are educated along suffrage lines at all events.

There are always numberless excuses and complexities to
militate against granting woman suffrage, but it is curious that the im-
pending citizenship of the negro may be a straw in our favor. From
various southern men I have heard the disgusted expression, "Well, if
the nigger is going to vote, there is no reason why my wife shouldn't too!"
It is not a very flattering comparison or a high plane argument but we
cannot afford to challenge it. Doesn't it knock the halo atmosphere

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about women thought I would have gone to Oklahoma City today but Mrs. Biggers wanted me to remain and be at the Fair Headquarters. You will notice that the only Press Work I have done so far is personally interviewing the Editor. I wish I could see the editor of every leading paper in the Territories. It is the only way to enlist their interest. Of course our Antis will appear on the scene later, and we must make friends with the newspapers before they arrive.

I am waiting with much anxiety to know what the Business Committee will decide to do for the Territories. There seems to be so much necessary. Why there are opportunities galore if there were workers here to sieze upon them. That is right here in this locality. No telling how much work is lying around loose in Oklahoma. We should be ready to go to work immediately on the petition work when the Initiative is assured. The plans should be in progress now. Mrs. Biggers must be helped in this. She is inexperienced and would be scared at the responsibility.

So far as I am concerned, you have played out a minnow whereby to bait a whale. The Press work is only a fraction of what there is to be done. Of course, I dont want to shirk, but Lord! you want electric lights here instead of a tallow candle. Cant you prevail on Miss Clay to pick up her grip sack and tot it here?

Time to go to the Fair. Address me General Delivery, Oklahoma City. I hope Mrs. Stephens will invite me to be her guest or help me to find a boarding house. Am afraid she is a busy woman. Her husband has a meat and grocery store and she has several boarders, so Mrs. Biggers says. I see myself going it alone therefore. Love to each individual Business Com. member. This includes Massachusetts against whom I have cherished an old-time grudge.

Lovingly yours,
Ida Porter Boyer.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee;-

Do you think it would be a wise thing for the National Association to offer a prize of a passage to the next International Suffrage Alliance? You know personally I have never believed much in prizes and that sort of thing, but really it has worked so well in our State that I think it might work well in the National. We would have to be careful whether we based our prize on the per cent of gain or on the increase of membership or whatever it was, because we would hate to make it possible for some unworthy State President to go on a fictitious basis. Of course when we make it doubling, a little state can double easily and a large one cannot, and when we make it per cent of gain, there is a disadvantage too. However, I mention this and I will put it probably in the suggestions for plan of work for Ohio, but I thought if you could think it over calmly before the convention, you would know whether it was wise or not. I do not suppose we could pay all of the expenses of any one person, but if a State Association made a very large gain, we would get back the money; and really we all of us agree that something has got to be done to build up the locals and the States.

Very truly yours,

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I have a letter from Mrs. Babcock, in which she says she has word that the Oregon Press Association passed a resolution approving of a campaign in Oregon in 1908, conducted entirely by Oregon women. I knew this Convention passed some sort of Resolution on the Oregon work, but I did not know what. I am sending this to you promptly, since we so lately had the Oregon work under consideration.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which came from Mrs. Boyer the morning you left, also copy of another which has just come.

Those of you who have not sent in your bills are requested to do so immediately,- I mean for traveling expenses, etc. Some of the officers of our Association are most dilatory in this respect. Because it is a matter of our own business, we think it will do any time. As the office keeps crowding fuller and fuller, it is most important for us to settle as we go.

Since writing you of the action of the Oregon Press Association, I have received an editorial from the Woodburn (Ore.) Independent, which says:

"It is reported that Mrs. Dunaway, in her address before the Editorial Association at Newport, stated that the next time woman suffrage came before the people of Oregon no old maids would be imported from the East to advocate it. We can scarcely credit this report; but if it is so, then we are truly surprised at Mrs. Dunaway's lack of tact. It was a slap at Miss Shaw and others that these ladies' friends in this State will resent, and they made many

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Warren, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1906.

Dear State President :

At the Baltimore Convention it was voted to make Progress a monthly, provided we could afford to, and make it the organ of the Association. It was also voted that States organize one club for each hundred members in the State.

I have made application for the admission of Progress to the mails as second-class mater and I am hoping that we will be able to ~~begin~~ begin with the November number. I am therefore writing you to have you give me some information for that number because this Progress is not to be at all as it has been in the past, a periodical for propaganda, but it is to be a simple sheet for the workers alone. I therefore want you to tell me what your Convention did, provided it has already been held, in regard to Legislative work and who your newly elected officers are, and how many clubs you have organized in the past year. You may also give me one other point, which you think was a strong part of the Convention.

Now I know that some of you have not had your Conventions yet, but it is impossible for me to write each one of you a separate letter, so I must make one letter cover all. Those of you who have not had your Conventions will probably have them before the November number of Progress goes to press and you can then send me the information. If it is too late for that number it will be all right for the December number. It has been my pet idea for a long time to have Progress stand in the National Association as the News Letter and Club Letters, etc., stand in the States, and it will depend somewhat upon you whether it is a success. If you will send to me items of interest in the suffrage line from your State the periodical will be a success. All I am to do is to act as a gatherer of news and put this news into as concise and simple a form as I possibly can.

Knowing that you appreciate the necessity of such a sheet for intercommunication, and knowing that you will do everything in your power to make it a success, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

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October 19/1906

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I have a splendid letter this morning from Mrs. McCulloch. She certainly can put courage and enthusiasm into us all. She is reporting to us about the National Purity Conference of October 11, which passed our Resolution.

She also says that the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs to-day went on record for woman suffrage by endorsing the Henrotin Suffrage Bill, which she encloses. She hopes we will not mention this in print, but that she prepared the letter of Dr. Bowles, which is printed; and on the other side is the bill known as the Henrotin Bill, and the bill for Wife Desertion, known as the McCulloch Bill. Mrs. McCulloch prepared all this printed matter, and sent out 1500 of them to different members of the Federation before their meeting, and before Mrs. Henrotin or Dr. Bowles ever saw them. Mrs. Henrotin, she says, presented the bill splendidly.

Next Tuesday they have another meeting, before the Charter Committee. At the first meeting they were limited to the question as to whether the extension of municipal suffrage to Chicago women would be constitutional. The law^{committee} has sat upon this question for months, and on October 17 decided in our favor,- that is, that it is constitutional. Mrs. McCulloch, in reporting this, quotes: "First blood for us".

Now they are going to argue the wisdom and the justice of the question, having gotten the constitutionality.

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Mrs. McCulloch says she is delighted that we are going to take 5,000 of the pamphlets which she asked us to do. She will get the copy ready right away.

She is going to attend the State Federation of Women's Clubs. She and Mrs. Stewart did a lot of good work among the delegates. She says club women like to hear live topics. Mrs. Henrotin got the Phidian Art Club, of Dixon, an ultra-conservative group, to endorse suffrage, and she adds: "We keep all this good news going around. Hurrah for the North American Review."

This declaring of the constitutionality of the Municipal business is a splendid advance, I think. I guess we are making no mistake in going to Chicago for our convention.

Cordially yours

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Warren, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1906.

Dear Miss Shaw and Miss Clay:

We three make up the sub-committee on Campaigns & Organizations and I am writing you in regard to the condition in Arizona. You will remember that Mrs. Munds was the one woman who stood by Mrs. Bradford in her Arizona work and Dr. Woods as well. You will possibly remember that in the spring I wrote to her at Phoenix asking her to let me know what the situation was in Arizona. After many weeks the letter came back. I then wrote to Dr. Woods, asking her what the matter was and she said that possibly Mrs. Munds had left Phoenix and had gone to Prescott. I therefore re-wrote the letter and sent it to her at Prescott. I have just received a reply. She says that there isn't a particle of chance for Arizona Territory and New Mexico to have joint Statehood. You will remember, undoubtedly, that the Foraker Amendment which was finally passed by Congress provided for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State and left the question of joint Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico to the voters of those two territories. It now seems that the people of both territories are opposed to joint Statehood; Mrs. Munds sent me a little celluloid button which says " 66 - 44, NIT " and that means that New Mexico would have 66 representatives in the Constitutional Convention and Arizona 44 and that Arizona is not going to stand it.

Now Mrs. Munds says there is no use whatever of our doing much work in a suffrage line in Arizona now; she really thinks it would be wiser for us to do things quietly and let people forget all about us, then later take up the work again. She begs us to send Mrs. Bradford to Arizona for the Meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs. She says she will look after her when she gets there. She says if we can get the Federation of the Territory interested in suffrage we will be doing a great deal for suffrage. She thinks that she and Mrs. Bradford could do it together. She says further if Mrs. Bradford will come for the Federation Meeting and then will visit the clubs of the Territory that she will make the arrangements for this trip and thinks that Mrs. Bradford could get almost enough from the collections to pay her expenses, although she, Mrs. Munds, realizes that Mrs. Bradford is not a financier by any means. She says that although the club women have been very offish on suffrage they are veering around quite a good deal and she feels as if Mrs. Bradford could influence them. She says the Federation Meeting will be held in November in Prescott. She also asks me to answer her at once as to whether Mrs. Bradford can come.

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It is really quite a relief to know that there will be nothing doing in Arizona this year and it does seem to me that if we can afford to send Mrs. Bradford to Mrs. Munds it would be one of the wisest things we could do. Will you give this matter your early attention and let me know the result? Miss Shaw can write Mrs. Munds or if she prefers to have me do so I will write her. I have, of course, answered her letter, it contained many other things, and told her that this question of Mrs. Bradford would have to be referred to you, since you were on the sub-committee. Please let me know also at your first opportunity.

Faithfully yours,

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181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 27th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I hasten to send you a copy of the Suffrage resolution adopted by the Ky. Grange at its recent convention. I depend upon your making a press article of it, and sending it particularly to the southern papers.

I have your letter concerning Arizona. It has long been my opinion that we should work steadily in the Territories; therefore it is quite in accordance with my views that we should encourage and help the home workers in Arizona, so as to keep them up to the mark to which we have brought them by the work we have done hitherto. I vote to send Mrs. Bradford, as requested by Mrs. Munds.

KENTUCKY CONVENTION. It has been finally settled that our convention shall be in Ashland the 21st & 22nd of November; Miss Shaw will speak both nights; the delegates will be entertained by the Ashland friends, and those intending to go should let it be known as soon as possible to Mrs. A. M. Glenn, Ashland, Ky., giving the time their train arrives as nearly as can be. The delegates are expected to arrive on the 20th, so as to be ready for the opening of the convention next morning. Please put as much of this information as you think proper in your weekly column from Headquarters.

MISS SHAW'S POSTERS. Have you any large posters for advertising Miss Shaw's lectures? If so, please send a number to Mrs. Glenn in Ashland at once.

I send receipt for B. C. meeting travelling expenses.

Love to all in office. Cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

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DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

I am always so anxious to hear what happens at the State Conventions which some of you attend that I meant to write immediately upon my return from West Virginia, and tell you of the convention there. However, I found so much work awaiting me that I was unable to do this, and so to-day am picking up the threads.

I left Warren at seven o'clock Thursday morning, Oct. 25, arriving at Wheeling about noon, where Miss Cummings met me at the station, and we drove directly to the home of Dr. Jones. I was surprised to find it so lovely a place, and to find her a woman of such splendid executive ability. She had turned out several of her patients to accommodate us, and she certainly made us very comfortable. She had made up her mind that the time had come when she must take hold of the West Virginia situation. They had a morning meeting, adopted a new Constitution, etc., and then early in the afternoon elected their officers. The Doctor had put up a slate with herself as president, Mrs. Southern as vice-president, Mrs. Fulton (whom Miss Clay will remember as Miss Dolbar) recording secretary.

Auditor, Mrs. Hall, and a bright little woman from Fairmount (whose name I cannot recall) as Treasurer. Anna Caldwell Boyd was elected a member of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Manley and the ^{Miss} Cummings delegates to Chicago. The day sessions were held in the Board of Trade rooms, and there was quite a nice little gathering I thought.

Mrs. Kelley had added to her cold, and was nearly sick when she reached Wheeling, but went immediately to bed, and spoke

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that evening, and I never heard her make such a splendid speech. It was perfectly fine! She made a whole lot of converts. She talked long and interestingly on the Child Labor question, and then just switched over, as she can, on the uselessness of trying to accomplish anything without the ballot. I have heard her make this point before, but never so clearly and forcefully. There were many society people in the audience, the State Labor Commissioner, and, all told, it was most effective.

I sat in the front seat, and just enjoyed it, having no care at all. Being in front I did not know how large the audience was, but Mrs. Kelley said it was larger than ours at Toledo and larger than the New York convention.

After the meeting Dr. Jones had a little informal reception at her house. I asked her why she did this, and she said just to keep Mrs. Hall from engaging a place and having a rag-tail and bob-tail reception.

Next morning they had an executive committee meeting, for which I remained. They have made some plans to do a little organizing in the towns near by, up near the Pan Handle, because there are more Northern people there, and consequently more favorable sentiment. I told them Miss Shaw thought we could send Miss Chase there for a few weeks if they could prepare for her, and they thought they could.

They paid the \$5.00 due on their 1905 pledge, and the \$25.00 pledged for 1906. I was very much encouraged over the outlook.

Cordially yours

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Dear Miss Clay:-

I am dictating at home to-day, and trying to be a little bit quiet, as I was very sick all night. I really would not do anything at all to-day, but as I attended the West Virginia convention I was out of the office Thursday and Friday, and did not get a very good start with the mail on Saturday, so I felt that I must do what I could to-day. Elizabeth is away on her vacation, and important matters keep coming up all the time, so it is hard to be quiet.

Thanks for the Resolution. I saw it in the paper yesterday. Yes, we will make a press article of it, but it may be crowded out, as the papers are so full of election news.

You say you want me to put a notice of the Kentucky meeting in our Headquarters' column. We do not have the column any more, as it was not possible for us to carry it along, with all the other things we have to do. Miss Blackwell never cared for it, and Mr. Blackwell thought we ought to pay for the printing of it, so they were not at all inconvenienced by our omitting it. I have, however, sent the article on to the Journal.

We have no posters to advertise Miss Shaw, but I am writing them to-day, asking them to forward some to you.

The girls are all glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours

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Warren, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am sending you two letters received from Mrs. Boyer, which will explain themselves. Please return them to me. I have culled from them for a letter to the Business Committee, but I thought as you were on the Campaign Committee you ought to have the facts in full.

in Oklahoma

I feel very much wrought up over this Oklahoma business. In the very beginning, when you were all in Oregon I felt sure that if we managed the thing right we could get our Amendment through the Constitutional Convention. Of course nobody could attend to things in Oklahoma because of the awful pressure in Oregon, and then Miss Shaw went to Europe and left the matter in my hands. I went on and did some things in regard to it and she must have forgotten that she gave me her proxy, allowed me to send out votes, etc., for after my vote had gone out in regard to clerkhire for Mrs. Biggers she sent out a counter vote, saying she did not think Mrs. Biggers ought to have a clerk. Since then everything has been wavering; sometimes she has Oklahoma for a few weeks and then turns it over to me and when I do anything she counteracts what I have done; I do not know why, but that does not matter. The truth of the matter is that Miss Shaw ought to have a good private secretary. I do not even know what Lucy's address is; we are sending all of her letters and all of Miss Shaw's to Swarthmore. Meanwhile time is precious. It seems to me I would cry my eyes out if I really thought we had a chance in Oklahoma and had let it go by! When Miss Shaw gets home, which will be the 4th of November, she will take up this matter, but even then we cannot get word to Mrs. Boyer until after the election. I have written Mrs. Boyer that I could not answer her questions, but I would stand by her for the payment of the rent of Headquarters for another month and I presume you will too. I think Miss Shaw probably will, but do let us feel that there is something back of her.

Cordially yours,

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