Letter, 1896, December 15, Harriet Taylor Upton to Dear Friend [Martha McClellan Brown]

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Dear Friend:—

After one of the best conducted, and most thoroughly organized campaigns in the history of our movement, we have been defeated. And yet were we really defeated? We went to a State where there was little organization, and in a few months time more than 100,000 men voted for our amendment. Is that defeat?

In Idaho twice as many men voted for it as against it. Whatever the Supreme Court may decree, we will never call this defeat.

For the first time in our history we have established Headquarters at Philadelphia, where our Bulletin has been published, where, through our State Press Committees, copy has been sent out every week to several hundred newspapers, where the minutes of the last convention were published, where leaflets, the Manual and badges have been for sale.

Our Organization Committee has been at work in Montana, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

You have been a member of the Association, which has carried on this work, and which will continue to carry on such work until women are free before the law.

We beg of you at this crisis to add if possible to your yearly contribution. Now-a-days we do not have to spend money in creating sentiment. Every cent is judiciously used in gathering together the sentiment already existing.

If Miss Anthony, who has given her life for womankind, still has courage to press on, ought not we to deny ourselves and give of our substance? Thus will we hasten the day when there shall be no sex in citizenship.

Yours most truly,

[Signature]

Warren, Ohio, December 15th, 1896.