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Letter, 1914, September 1, Harriet Taylor Upton to Dear President [Martha McClellan Brown]

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Warren, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1914.

Dear President:-

POLITICAL

Though all our efforts with the Republicans and Democrats failed to win endorsement of our amendment from either party, I am convinced that our labor was not wasted. I regret that the letters and telegrams sent by our local organizations were not read in either Convention. Yet I do not consider that effort wasted. I was in Columbus Aug. 24th and 25th, ably assisted by Miss duPont our first vice president, Miss Allen and Miss Moriarty.

Miss Moriarty and I were given a respectful hearing before the Republican Committee on Resolutions. Eight men on that Committee, including the chairman, Mr. Halfhill of Lima were suffragists, but all members agreed that suffrage should not be endorsed. Mr. Harding and Mr. Willis made no secret of their personal friendliness to the cause, but admitted their helplessness to aid it in the Convention. Many of our Republican friends, some of them the husbands of our local leaders, came to the Convention with the avowed intention of pushing endorsement, and gave it up when they saw how hopeless it was. There is no doubt that Miss Moriarty's earnest speech made a profound impression on the Committee. We failed of endorsement because the party was afraid to estrange the liberal vote (so-called) by countenancing votes for women.

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The Governor himself granted us our hearing before the Democratic Resolutions Committee and Miss Allen had the difficult task of appearing alone before them. She made a twenty minute speech which was spontaneously and generally applauded. Mayor Baker of Cleveland proposed the suffrage resolution. It received just two votes, Mr. Baker's and Lieutenant Governor Greenland's. The Democratic platform contained nothing but an endorsement of the fifty-six progressive laws enacted under the present administration.

The Progressives endorsed both suffrage and prohibition and invited me to speak before their Convention, which I did.

The night before the Conventions fully a thousand persons (two thirds men) attended the open air meeting in the State House yard. It was as interested and attentive an audience as I have ever seen anywhere.

Considering the monopoly that the war news has, we got good publicity in the Columbus papers and as propaganda directed at the men of the State who are influential in local party politics the whole undertaking was splendidly successful. Man after man predicted that our amendment would carry and even our most ardent opponents said we would win two years hence.

ORGANIZATION

With the few workers and limited funds at our command we are pushing the work as fast as possible in the unorganized counties, giving such aid as we can to the

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organized ones, and beseeching every existing organization to lend a hand in finding friends who will help to the extent of distributing literature and arranging for at least one public meeting.

LITERATURE

Read the letter enclosed for information.

OUR CHANCES

Read Miss Hauser's article (copy enclosed). I believe it to be a correct summing up of the situation. Will you help us to let our friends know where we stand by assisting in distributing "How to win"? How many copies may we send you for distribution? We must act quickly. Two months from the time this letter reaches you the men of the State will be voting on our question. A month from this time we shall be demonstrating our wishes through the parade in Cleveland. Let us make that and everything else that we attempt, a success. Let us give these last two months unreservedly to the service of our great cause, and let us never for a moment entertain any thought but the thought of VICTORY.

Yours faithfully,

Harriet Taylor Upton

President Ohio Woman Suffrage Association.

Warren, Ohio August 13, 1914.

Dear Friend:-

Are you distributing suffrage literature, using suffrage post cards and doing everything else that you can to call the attention of your friends and neighbors to our question? The State headquarters is equipped to furnish you with excellent material.

"Let Ohio Women Vote" posters,	25¢ each.
"Let Ohio Women Vote" post cards,	5¢ for 2 or \$1.00 per 100, plus postage.
Donahey's Bryan Cartoon,	10¢ for 3
Woman Suffrage Map, especially prepared for Ohio	10¢ each.

LEAFLETS

"Militancy an Excuse" by Harriet Taylor Upton,	20¢ per 100
"Men of Ohio" (Yellow Flier)	15¢ per 100
"Why the Farmer is for Equal Suffrage" by L. J. Taber	25¢ per 100
"Working Women vs. Anti-Suffragists	25¢ per 100
"Thrust the Ballot upon Women" by Prof. Alfred Hayes,	25¢ per 100
"The Question of Woman Suffrage as it Seems to Me" by Harriet L. Keeler,	\$1.00 per 100
"Ministers and Woman Suffrage"	50¢ per 100
"Educational and True Democracy"	50¢ per 100
"Ohio Laws of Interest to Women"	15¢ each

The State Association gives away quantities of literature. The more that is ordered at prices above quoted the more are we able to furnish for free distribution.

Yours truly,

Harriet Taylor Upton ^Dres.

Canton---- June 11,---- 1914

I pledge myself to attend the Woman
Suffrage Meetings at Canton, June 11, 1914,
if possible.

Signed _____

Address _____

(Return this slip to Harriet Taylor Upton,
Warren, Ohio.)