132 East 19th Street,
New York, April 15, 1918

My dear Miss Patterson:

I am just back in New York. My trip in the South-West was a little bit too hard for me, and I had to cancel my final engagements and go to bed in Titusville for a few days. My Doctor tells me that I must do no more speaking this spring, as my throat seems to be inclined to give out. I shall probably get down to Washington for next week.

Mrs. Shelby tells me that Miss Nims salary has not been arranged yet. When I talked with Mr. Gifford about publishing the bibliography, I told him of the work that she had been doing, and asked if it was not possible to give her a salary. He said he thought that certainly it ought to be arranged, and would be. I told him you would speak to him about it.

I really feel that this ought to be done. Miss Nims ought not to be asked to give her services any longer. She really cannot afford to do it. I think it would be very hard to replace her.

I struck a situation in Fayetteville, Ark. which seems to me to need looking after. They have there one of the best groups of chairmen that I have ever seen. It is an especially intelligent community, and the Committee is thoroughly organized. They tell me they have a complete org nization in every district in the county; but that from the start they have been unable to get any material. I had a meeting with the chairmen, twelve of them, I think. They all said that they had written to the State headquarters. Most of them had received no reply at all. None of them had any directions about campaigns to be carried on. The only material they have gotten had been that which Mrs. Shelby had sent them; and the only letters that they had received from anybody that were helpful were from Mrs. Moore. They asked, as I found many of the chairmen asked, why it was not possible that the directions be sent to local chairmen, as they did not get them promptly from the State headquarters. Even the well organized states, like Iowa, I ran across this complaint. I found in several places that the Publicity chairmen felt that they were handicapped by not receiving the bulletins and circular letters directly. This again goes back to the efficiency of the State chairmen. In many cases I think

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the difficulty is that the State chairman is also the head of some other organization, and she gives the bulk of her time to it. I am enclosing the list of the chairmen at Fayetteville. Would it be possible to send to them directly material from each Department? I believe that it would be worth while to make an exception in this case, if this would be an exception. They are such an exceptionally good group, and Fayetteville itself is so important in the State, being altogether the most intelligent community, unless I am greatly mistaken, that to have a good center there practically means that we hadArkansas

You wrote me on March 11th in regard to your talk with Mr. Gifford about the expenses of members. Of course I would not consent for a moment to taking anything beyond the days that we are in session, unlessboth you and Mrs. Lamar were receiving your expenses for all the time that you are giving. I am going to send in my account for the last two Committee meetings when I was present, and I shall of course limit the estimate to the days that the Committee was in session.

Very sincerely yours,

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