

ANNA HOWARD SHAW MEMORIAL
OF THE
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March
Twenty-fifth
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

As you have doubtless learned directly, or through the report of the association, or the press, the National American Woman Suffrage Association at its Victory Convention held in Chicago February 12 to 18, 1920, voted to establish an Anna Howard Shaw Memorial under the following terms:

"That the National American Woman Suffrage Association establish an official joint memorial to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw - at Bryn Mawr College a foundation in Politics and at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania a foundation in Preventive Medicine as a fitting continuation of her life work and that a committee be appointed to carry out the work by appealing to the women throughout the country and that this committee be incorporated and assume the financial responsibility."

Mrs. John O. Miller was appointed chairman of the committee and at that time Dr. Ellen C. Potter and Mrs. F. Louis Slade were appointed to the committee by Mrs. Catt. Since then Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, Professor Susan M. Kingsbury, Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers and Mrs. James Starr have been added to the committee. Mrs. Bedford has been made vice chairman of the committee, Dr. Potter secretary, and Mrs. Starr, temporary treasurer.

The Committee has been organized and wishes to secure a list of representative people as an Advisory Committee. I am writing to invite you to become a member of that Committee. Your continued support of suffrage for women and your loyal devotion to our great leader, Dr. Shaw, prompts me to hope that you will agree with me that this is one of the privileged moments

of one's life - to interest the women of our Nation in establishing a living Memorial to one who gave her life, her strength, her enthusiasm, and her powers to the cause of securing for women the right to franchise.

The committee believes that this moment of complete ratification is indeed the time to establish this Victory Memorial in honor of our beloved leader and that it should serve not only to commemorate the accomplishment of her life work but to arouse among all her former constituents a consciousness of responsibility for the best use of the franchise through our newly formed League of Women Voters.

The committee has decided to send to the papers a statement of its plans for the Memorial to be released immediately upon complete ratification in order to secure the advantage of wide publicity which will come with that great moment. This event seems to the committee so important that it has pushed its organization with rapidity and, therefore, urges you to wire your acceptance to Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, 1703 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

If ratification comes immediately we may not be able to include the names of the Advisory Committee with this burst of publicity but we shall wish to publish the names at the earliest possible moment. If ratification is delayed we should wish to issue the names of the Advisory Committee with ratification publicity

Very sincerely yours,

Translating

Lucy R. Miller

(Mrs. John O. Miller)
Chairman.

*Please note this in answer to letter of 24 July (attached)
that I have only just rec'd it & ask you to say to her that
I should be glad to see the memorials for Dr. Shaw - but
that I have never been associated with Dr. Shaw in
suffrage work as she seems to believe - that I
have never worked for suffrage - ~~though~~ never
~~against~~ that my acceptance might be
misunderstood as proof of her commitment to be
made up of women who have, therefore, a much
wider & deeper influence than I should have of effect
on Dr. Shaw & to make a contribution which will*