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My dear Alitta:

It was good to receive your letter and all the good messages it contained. You were right as to the nature of my operation. I think I boasted of my improving health when I last wrote you. I took electricity and winter and certainly improved under it. Then my medicine ceased altogether and I was quite hilarious. I thought I had come quite to the end of my troubles. But pride falls, and just when I was most sure that all was well, I began to feel uneasy. I had many severe hemmorhages, and now and then I had many severe hemmorhages, and I was very weak and weaker. After 12 days of hemmorhages, my maid would have four days of hemmorhages. My maid could not carry me, and I was nearly as the result of two days of hemmorhages, you will see how severe were the symptoms. So they broke the news to me. I had little blood left in my body, and I had little blood left. There was nothing left as I had little blood left. There was nothing left.
The doctor told me I should expect to be fully well under a year. It is now six weeks and yesterday I walked two blocks on the street which is doing pretty well.

New York is giving me one of her cold summers. Last night we slept under a blanket, but it is the first time for a month. Is it not time you were like it, with nothing but a sheet for a cover? Of course, the doctor tells me I must go to a cool place in order to grow well faster, but there is no place to go except with hats and alarums. I cannot make clothes that means the hardest thing to do. So I am going to a sanitarium where there are plenty of beds, and shall return for about six weeks. I hope to go to an office and shall return in about six weeks. I hope to go to work when I return. For work I must be well enough to work with comfort, for work I must be at that time. I hope to retire from all offices except with the local work here this autumn, and to allow myself a rest before going to Sweden. It is a pity, though, for the American work is so in need of workers just now, but that it has been my plan for some time to extricate myself from my plan for some time to extricate myself from work here and spend the remainder of the time while in International office.
work. I mean to stick to that program, for I know the American work will still be calling for workers when I am released from the International in 1913. I cannot yet make very definite plans, for I am not sure of my health yet. But if all is well with me, I shall go to Sweden in advance on the conclusion of the conference. Then I shall go to London to print the report. When that is done, if I am well enough, and if you are well enough, and if you are well enough, and if they want me, how about South Africa? That is for us to think about. So much about myself.

Now, about yourself. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I suspect if you were an American your malady would be called nervous prostracion. You have overworked, I am sure. The trouble with me all is, that when we are old, we do not take time enough to recover.
and it is easier to overwork again. I think you must work in a substitute for president while you go to So. Africa. I hope the Salvationists will do you all the good so short a time can do. Try to be a dunce, or an anti-suffragist, which is the same thing and forget your sex. Empty yourself. Fall oblige on and the process will do much for you. If you think at all, remember your poor members. That is glorious. The joy of that necessity ought to do you good. But you must be satisfied for the moment, and not wish that you had 10,000.

So you have been in London and marched with the Suffragettes. I thought you were not in sympathy with them. I'd tell you what happened. When the suffrage is gained in London the suffragists all over the world will feel the suffragists of the question: did the Suffragists or the Suffragettes do it? I am convinced of the intense anger of Miss Naber when the thought of the possibility of a procession in Holland and a Foreign march is put forth. She-protest designation, Miss Shaw said. Do you remember it? I hope she will not get angry at you.
You are right. Miss Shaw needs a longer rest. I fear she is in a bad plight. She might have been released from her office of President last winter, but she insisted upon standing for re-election, and no woman would be a candidate against her. I am sorry she told you about the difficulty at Washington for such matters are quite unintelligible to the people of another country. Shorn she did tell you, for Rachel was here, and read me your letter to her. She was much disappointed not to have seen you. It is too bad that the mails were so slow. Had you seen her, I presume she would not have mentioned the difficulties, but she must have mentioned the difficulties if she did not have mention of the difficulties. I hope since Miss Shaw has told you her side, she will insist upon Rachel telling her side. It is a hard story to tell, and will be a harder thing to understand as it involves one for you to understand as it involves many personal relations. Stripping the story of all personalities, I will tell you my version.
Miss Shaw is a great orator, and as all orators are, is impulsive, quick tempered. All accuse her of this direction. She is not execut- 

able of constructive forward work. She is a great leader of the platform, and as leader at all from an office. I think she is no leader in all criticism, for I know of no man or woman in all history who has been an executive leader. To be a superb orator seems to have been a natural 

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be not and she has been the cause of a court case. I have never 

been irritation ever since the was president. 

This is what her officers say, and I believe them.
Miss Shaw as well as many others have all sprung from this fact. The entire Board were torn by the matter which led to climax, and members had refused re-election because they would not serve with her under the conditions which they could not change, and women resigned after election while further evidence brought them.

If Miss Shaw moved mirthfully, cheerfully, retiring from office, her followers, would love and honor her, as long as she lived and she moved always be in popular demand for speeches. She might have a chance to rest too and thus live longer. As it is, she is making enemies, and wearing herself out in a fooling which will never be any easier for her. The entire difficulty has come from Miss Shaw herself, and is due to the fact that she is out of place and is due to the fact that she is out of place.
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had I not learned that you had learned
something about it.

But American women are superior
to those of some other countries. They
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right with other women in whom they have
lost confidence, they do it.

It seems as if every good was destined to her
divisions and difficulties as soon as the cause
grow a bit strong. It is a pity
Israel until America and further support
of her vacation in August.
May every minute bring you rest, peace, and
joy and may you live long and prosper.

Sincerely,
Carrie Q. Call