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July 23, 1919.

Dear State President:

Members of the National Board, with the exception of Mrs. Catt, wish to bring before you a matter which they hope will meet with your cooperation and which carries with it their approval and recommendation.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Stanley McCormick a movement was started to present to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, our beloved President, a memorial to commemorate the passage through Congress of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, the memorial to be given by the members of the National Association to Mrs. Catt at the next convention, or at whatever time may seem desirable.

After considering the matter carefully, your Board reached the conclusion that a gift of an intimate kind - something very personal which Mrs. Catt might care to use constantly - would be your choice inasmuch as it would symbolize the near relationship which during the past three years has grown up between her and her loyal workers the country over.

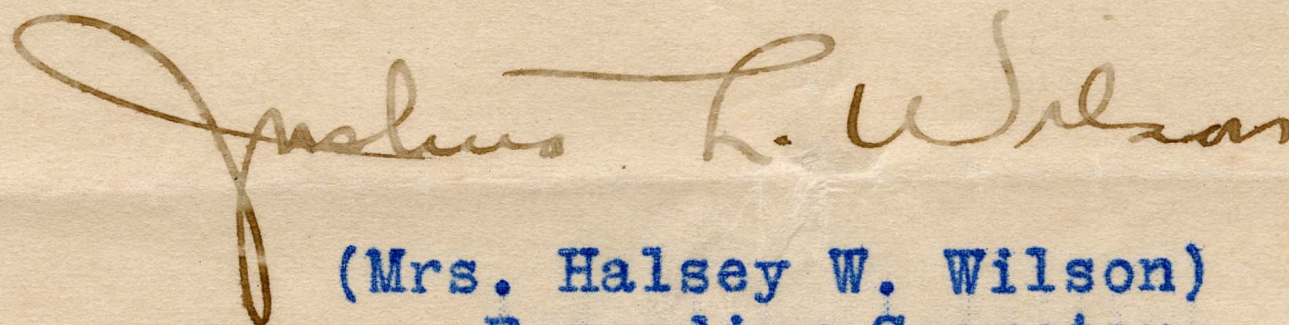
Therefore, we propose to you, as the personal memorial to our President, a star sapphire brooch surrounded by a band of small diamonds. Both stone and setting would be furnished by Tiffany and would cost \$2,750. The stone which has been selected with this memorial in view, is of fine quality - the color being, as you know, a soft gray-blue, Mrs. Catt's favorite blue. It is surrounded by a ribbon of tiny diamonds set in platinum. The outer edge of the ribbon, hence of the brooch, is slightly wavy in outline, and the ribbon is tied at one end with a bow knot, the small tie covering the catch and safety fastening. The brooch which is oval in shape, one and one-half inches long, one inch wide and about five-eighths of an inch deep, is in the opinion of your Board, distinguished and appropriate for day or evening wear.

We have made a schedule of assessments covering the cost of \$2,750. which we hope will be satisfactory to the States. For your State it is ~~75~~ ⁷⁵. We leave it in your hands to determine how the money shall be raised but suggest that you let the participation in the gift be as state wide as possible, getting nickels, dimes and quarters, if only someone may be found patient enough to collect the small sums. The larger the number of people contributing the more prized will be the offering to our President. Please keep a list of the names of contributors, not amounts, to be used in a written memorial which will accompany the presentation of the gift.

Will you please take this matter under advisement with your Board and let us know at an early date whether you care to join in this tribute to the President of the Association? The time set for turning in the assessed sums is October 1st.

To avoid any possibility of any knowledge of the plan reaching Mrs. Catt will you please send all communications bearing upon the matter to me at 958-64 University Avenue, The Bronx, New York?

Very sincerely yours,


(Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson)
Recording Secretary

Further signed by -

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