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[Letterhead: National American Woman Suffrage Association]
Office of the President, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

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My dear Anna and Gilbert,

Do you feel that I have not thought of you and of your dear little girlie all these weeks? I cannot think that you could even though my silence may seem as if I had. How can I tell you of the days and nights, every moment of which has been so full that I have had time for nothing but simply what I must do. No slave was ever driven harder than my duties drive me, and yet I am well and happy. Oh how happy now since the little farm toward which I have been looking and for which I have been hoping is in sight. It is a beautiful place and I hope someday you will come with your little Charlotte and see us. It will be just the place for a youngster. She can run in the woods, fall over the cliffs, wade in the brook, and be happy all day long.

We didn't expect our wedding cake this year and were greatly surprised when it

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came. We thought the young lady would be all the gift you could make any and all of us and we were doubly surprised when it came. We adorned our table with it at our Christmas dinner but would not let it be cut. We hope to keep a part of it at least for our housewarmings on our farm the first of April for we intend to make merry if all goes well.

Mrs. Harper was one of our Christmas guests and enjoyed your cake to "look at" with the rest.

We do thank you so much and the only fear I have is that it may have been just one thing too much for you to have had the care and worry over with all you must now have to do.

I am moved upon to tell you all about our new home. Lucy says I cannot talk about anything else. But I am going to spare you that now until Lucy and I come to Rochester in February then you will have to hear all about it. I am coming to your house surely this time for I must see our little lady. I feel as if I were her grandmother, as I do all the children of the dear friends whom I marry.

I hope you are taking good care of yourself

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for now in addition to Gilbert you have your dear baby to keep well for. I do not fear but Gilbert will do all he possibly can for you and I am so thankful for his gentle loving care. Most of my girls have the best husbands in all the world and they must keep well and happy for my gratitude.

Lucy joins me in sincere regards and a hope that this may be the happiest and best year of your lives so far.

With sincere affection,
Anna H. Shaw