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Dr. Cordelia A. Green,
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My Dear Friend: --

Owing to the fact that my health is not much as to warrant a great outlay of strength in any one direction, and the probabilities are that with increasing years it will not improve, my friends strenuously urge me to abandon my cherished plan of securing a large standing fund for the N.A.W. S. A. They think it would be wiser for me to use what strength I have along lines of work in which I shall be able to influence present, or near future, conditions, rather than attempt to secure a "fund" for the use of younger workers.

I have at last come to feel that I must accept their view of the situation, and the question arises, what shall be done with money on hand, of which there are \$2,250. Two plans present themselves to me, one of which is that it might be turned over to others who would undertake to carry out the "standing fund" idea. This, however, would place the matter in the hands of those who are now constantly appealing for money to help the work at present, and would doubtless prove ineffectual.

The other plan is one by which the money can be invested so as to help in carrying on the work through the coming years, and that is to assist me in the publication of the fourth volume of the History of Woman Suffrage, which is being prepared under the splendid supervision of Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, my biographer. This money would enable me to publish the work and place it with the other three volumes now in the libraries of the country, where it would be a means of continual education in the progress of the suffrage movement.

The three volumes already published ended before the actual granting of full suffrage in the four States of our nation or in most other countries. This volume will complete the history of the movement for the nineteenth century, and leave the twentieth century in the hands of the younger women. If you approve of the plan and are willing your contribution should be used for this purpose due credit will be given you in the History.

Please indicate to me your wish in the matter at your earliest convenience and greatly oblige,

Very sincerely yours,