

75. W. 92 St

February 20, 1901.

My dear Mrs. Belden. —

We are indebted to you and your dear sister in helping us out with one of our kindergarten. I telegraphed Miss Mary Huntington, of Sandusky, Ohio, yesterday, "You are booked for Hawaii — Get ready at once" — Have written her giving further particulars — As Mrs. A. E. Knowlton, 394 Jersey St, Buffalo, N. Y. has been appointed for one of the positions we were obliged to choose between Miss Huntington and Miss Hall — We decided in favor of Miss Huntington in consideration of her musical ability — Music, especially in connection with Settlement work is such an essential element and none of our other workers have thus far favored us with any special talent in this direction — We covet Miss Hall's experience as a kindergarten director — and hesitated — However, as I have written Mrs Hall she may go, yet — Mrs. Knowlton writes me in a letter received, today, that she would like the position as Settlement worker in connection with the kindergarten — Feels herself qualified — In case she proves herself to be qualified we shall be only too glad to give it to her — but in that case I'm sure we would want another kindergarten — I shall expect Miss Huntington to be such a good representative of our kindergartens that we shall not only want Miss Hall

to be satisfactory in all respects. even to being the
 Settlement worker as this is a hard position to fill.
 Do you happen to know a Miss Sarah Carson?
 She is a marvelous organizer! Would consider Dulc-
 ant work for next Sept.

Do you happen to know a Miss Helen Sawyer? I
 am told she would be an excellent Settlement Worker
 for us - but the party doesn't know where she is
 located this year - An Oberlin girl - Graduate of
 Oberlin College - Graduate of Chicago Ugt. - Spent
 three years in Hull House Settlement in Chicago - If
 you can by inquiry find out anything about her
 and of her whereabouts you may be able to furnish
 us with another Oberlinite worker! She must have
 friends there who know her & of her sojournings -

Now, I want to ask you a question which I
ought not to be obliged to ask - but in the writing
 of so many letters to different parties - (sometimes as
 many as twelve a day) I'm not quite sure how I
 stated the condition of money matters (as regards pay-
 ment) for the kindergarten's traveling expenses - And
 I give her to understand that I would send her the full
 amount, \$150 ⁰⁰ for her ticket or, did I say, \$75 now and
 the balance of \$75 - to be paid upon arrival in Honolulu - The

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to be satisfactory in all respects. even to being the Settlement
Waker - as this is a hard position to fill.

Do you happen to know a Miss Sarah Carson? - A
magnificent organizer of Settlement work etc! Would
consider the position for next Sept.

Do you happen to know a Miss Helen Sawyer? Am told
she would make an excellent Settlement worker but the
party doesn't know of her whereabouts this year - An
Oberlin girl - Graduate of Oberlin College (I think) Graduate
of Chicago hgt. Spent two years in Hull House Settlement
must. Two years ago was in Toledo hgt. Ohio - If
I can, by inquiry find out anything about her qualifications
for such a position & of her whereabouts you may be
able to furnish us with another Oberlinite worker. She
has expressed a wish to go to the Hawaiian Islands -
She must have friends ^{in Oberlin} who are acquainted and know
of her whereabouts.

I've just heard through a friend that Mr Foster
of Clifton Springs died Jan. 15" - but nothing of
particulars -

I miss Mrs Lukens these days - Wonder when ~~she~~ she
will be coming back to the city.

Thank you for all your generous assistance and interest in
our work - Aff. Lanny M. Simpson

P.S. Now I'm going ^{to} ask you a question which I ought not to be obliged to ask - I know you will bear with me - And not say anything about it - just "between us" - The other parties are strangers and I don't want in any way to shake their confidence in money matters.

The full amount of \$150 has always been sent on heretofore for traveling expenses - but, for some reason, only \$75 was sent this time the balance to be paid upon arrival in Honolulu. I didn't know this at first and am not sure whether I had learned of the change of condition of affairs before writing to you or not. So, have forgotten which way I stated the matter.

Did I say \$150 allowed for traveling expenses (\$75 paid now and \$75 upon arrival in Honolulu - \$75 ~~for~~ also allowed for light material - Or, did I say, \$150 allowed for traveling expenses and \$75 allowed for light material. In the first case I must advance her only \$150 in the second case it must be \$225⁰⁰. I'll stand by whatever I said - but I hope it's the \$150. I think you better telegraph me at once which amount it is - \$225⁰⁰ or \$150, "or" - the time is so short. - Your letter will let you I'm sure. Do you say I'm "mortified" but I shouldn't be so careless & so can't help it - I'll pay expense of telegraphing - Perhaps can get in a night telegram but no delay please - Lovingly L.M.S.