

Truth
Oct. 4th

My dearest Mrs Baldwin;

I cant get over it
to think you didnt know
about those bills & of
course when I explained
the Deacons on Sunday they
each thought somebody
else was to blame although
Deacon Lewis said he thought
you would understand by
the receipted bills & that
that was the most delicate
way of telling you. He had
not then received Mrs Baldwins
check & I do hope he did
not send it until after

my letter was received. do
let me know as soon as
it gets back safely to you -
although the men rather
laughed at my panic
about it for they said it
was simply waste paper
without the Lewis signature
& I need not worry about it
but I do wish it had not happened.
The rest of this letter is just
a little feminine business
that you need not report to
Mr. Pledge. & I know you
will excuse any seeming
impertinence on my part
because you know I love you,
I enclose a pamphlet of
the Needlework Guild & would

If you have had your attention called to it
I am sure you would be interested in it if
your hands were more at liberty for outside
work -

We organized a section here in Bristol last
year with me for President & Mrs E. E. Jewell
Secretary - but our plan was a modification of
the original, in that our garments were distrib-
uted at home & almost entirely among dear
worthy people, ^{young} whom it was hard to find out
what they wanted - I learned for instance
that dear Lucy Beckwith - had worn the
same flannel petticoat for seventeen years
& it was falling apart - as our things were
given out very quietly & the ladies who helped
had faith enough in us this year to say
"just tell me what you want & we will not
ask questions" - Most people prefer to send a
pair of flannel undermen as they do not know
to be made - So after all this preamble I
come down to business - Mrs Jewell & Mrs Brauer
want me to ask you to say frankly what
you need for the children or you or Mr. Piddie
in the way of undermen ties, waists - we
shall have the things & suggest just as well