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My dear Miss James -
I am so sorry you were not able to come
to Kenosha last Monday and wish very
much you would write me the result of
your interview with Alice Paul. Of course
I am delighted that you agree with
Mrs. Jordan and me that Congressional
work in Wisconsin under the direction of the
Congressional Union would be the best
possible suffrage work we could do both
from a local, state, and National
point of view. While Miss Paul was gone
circumstances forced me to the decision that I
could do no suffrage work this summer
beyond trivial local duties. She is therefore
looking for another chairman for the present at
least. If you are in this part of the state this
summer please come to see me. Faithfully yours,
Harriet F. Bain

"EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW."

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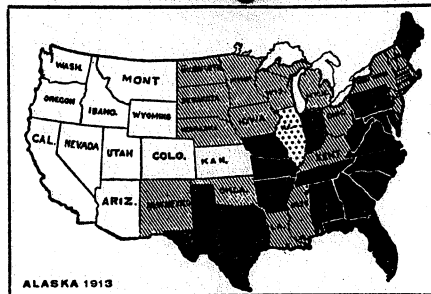
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August 2/15

Dear Ada:-

Mr W G Gil espie of Kilbourn, secretary of the fair association writes me they will take on a fair speaker for a 20 minute speech Sept. 30, p.m.

I hope that you can fill this date. I do not know the conditions that exist there but I am sure that you will give them what they need. I am certainly thankful that you are willing to take on some of the dates in the counties near you. Reedsburg has so full a program this year that they will not take on a suffrage speaker.

I am leaving Wis, the middle of August or the last of September to live in Colorado with my father for some time at least. As you say, Harriet Grim is to be superintendant of the Darlington schools and hence is not available for our suffrage work. I feel that Mrs Haight is decid dly the best person to keep on the job here. As you know she has not been paid an adequate salary. She is conversant with the various lines of work here and cannot be spared. I do hope the board at its next meeting sees fit to grant her an amount sufficient to justify her in remaining. She will speak at many of the county fairs this fall but we are having so many acceptances that we are going to be dreadfully short of speakers. Can you suggest some good speakers who might take on fair dates? I have written to Arthur Bartelt. Would your father or your brother in law take on any dates and if so what places would they prefer? What do you know about Mrs Nellie Kedzie Jones of Auburndale? I have written her asking her if she can take fair dates. I think Edna Wright is still in th east. Mrs McCreery goes to Minnesota for Septembe and October. Mrs Youmans will take some dates. I wish I could see you before leaving the state. Won't you be down this way before the 15th of the month?

Yours with love,

Alice B. Curtis

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TO BE READ CAREFULLY and then given to each of your local papers with details of how you are going to celebrate.

Suffragists throughout the country are making extensive preparations for celebrating August 13 or Lucy Stone Day. This is a red letter day in the woman's movement, for it commemorates the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the pioneer suffrage weekly, the Woman's Journal, or the Suffrage Bible, as it is often called.

The celebration will vary from a balloon ascension to an all-day pilgrimage to the home of some noted suffragist.

The Michigan Suffrage Association will offer a competitive scholarship to one of the State institutions. The New Jersey Association will place a bronze tablet on the house in Orange where Lucy Stone lived and where her daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell, was born. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, International Suffrage President, Miss Blackwell and Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, the National Suffrage President, and many New Jersey people will speak. All New Jersey suffragists have been urged to make a pilgrimage to the little house in Orange on that day.

The Massachusetts Suffrage Association will conduct a pilgrimage to Lucy Stone's birthplace in West Brookfield on August 13. It will be a gala day and it is expected that cars will be chartered here for the day from different parts of the State.

Other associations will have a Round-up Meeting, at which everyone present will be asked to subscribe to the suffrage weekly founded by Lucy Stone; A Tag Day, on which all who subscribed are tagged by pretty girls in yellow sashes, whether they subscribed on the spot or thirty years ago (for the Lucy Stone paper is the oldest surviving suffrage paper in the world); a Telephone Day, on which every suffragist in town is called on the 'phone; a Letter Writing Day, when all suffragists will write to their friends, rounding them up for a boost to make it a "nothing-succeeds-like-success" day.

Others will call the day their Liberty Wedding Day, reviewing the times when the pioneer, Lucy Stone, with her prospective husband, hunted all over the land for a minister who would marry them according to their conscience and allow them to respect their own ideas of liberty.

In a number of the States the day will be devoted to Suffrage Calls, or short Pilgrimages from house to house. The day will be the occasion of many suffrage meetings and entertainments at the summer resorts.

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Miss Ada James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I hope that your club is proceeding with the entertainment which it considered giving for the Congressional Union. I have just returned to Washington and find an absolutely empty treasury. We will have to collect some thing at once or bring our work to a stand still.

Will you not write to Miss Ann Paul of La Crosse, and the other people whom you thought would perhaps be willing to contribute? If they would give only a dollar or two it would help us more at this time than would a big sum later on.

I do not know just what the situation will be with regard to starting the Congressional Union work definitely in Wisconsin. I felt after seeing the people who were interested in the federal work that it would be better not to attempt to do anything until autumn, when more of them would be able to give their practical help.

I shall have to spend all of my time from now until the middle of September on the Women Voters' Convention in California, but after that we will see if we cannot

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do something to promote more vigorous activity for the federal work in your state.

With happiest memories of my stay with you in Wisconsin, and hoping that you will be able to help in raising a little money at this time, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

Chairman.

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July 31, 1915.

Dear Miss James:-

The day toward which we have been working for the last three months will soon be here. Ever since May 1 you have seen why. And now throughout the country the call is for quick, direct action on August 13.

As a great climax to this campaign comes August 13, which is to be the National Woman's Journal Day. The plan is to reach every suffragist in the country on that day and get her to subscribe.

This may be done by having a Round-up Meeting where everyone present is asked to subscribe; or a Tag Day, on which everyone who subscribes is tagged; or a Telephone Day, when every suffragist in town is called on the telephone to subscribe; or it may be done simply by calling on every member of the league on that day, as though one were making a New Year's call.

One State Association is calling upon its members to make a big Pilgrimage to the birthplace of Lucy Stone; another to her home, the birthplace of her daughter, Miss Blackwell. Every woman who tries will be able to think of some ingenious method of celebrating the day and advancing the Cause. Can we count on you to see that something is done in your town? Will you talk it over at once with the other suffrage workers, but even if you have to do something alone on August 13, remember that Lucy Stone stood alone most of her life.

Yours sincerely,

Agnes E. Ryan

P.S. It is true that most people feel poor, but here is a suggestion for approaching suffragists on August 13: "Would you not pay 50 cents to hear such a convincing speaker as Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and would you not six months later pay 50 cents to hear such a great orator as Dr. Anna Shaw? Then, why not pay a dollar and get every week editorials from the pen of Alice Stone Blackwell, acknowledged on all sides as the greatest writer on suffrage questions in the country? You would have the rest of the paper full of vital information besides." Remember the Journal is only one dollar a year and the League gets 30 per cent commission.

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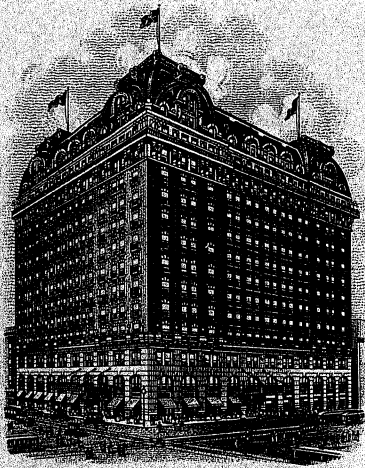
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July 28th 1915

Miss Ada L James
Richland Center Wis

Dear Miss James I am sending your letter to the printer It will come
out in the August Number of the Wis Issue I think it is a very good
article I should be very grateful if you would send an article
for the Sep Issue These letters from out in the State do more good than
any written from a distance Thanking you I am

Sincerely J S Lean
State Supt



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1915

Oshkosh, Wis. July 26

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Dearest ~~PR~~ ^{PR} ~~AD~~ ^{AD} ~~ENT~~ ^{ENT}

You are our Wisconsin Portia, called "a brick" among boys!!
When I wrote under greatest stress in Chicago my Monday column (between session, sandwich and sizzling heat) I had not ^{read} seen your pamphlet. Mentioned it since in the Milwaukee Journal and shall keep it as precious material for future use. Next week I want to make the most of it that Catherine Waugh Mc Cullough pronounced it the BEST thing out in this line.

The conference in Chicago was interesting, but our presiding officer, the otherwise charming Mrs. Mc Gormick monopolized too much time. I had independently grown quite enamored of the Schafreth amendment, but am again on the other side of the fence since my plea of greater expediency was shattered by Mrs. Mc Cullough's constitutional objections that the states would not tolerate prescription of METHOD of submission.

Please send me four more booklets, will send stamps for them as soon as I can get into post office, but to-day is Sunday.

How I want to go to Missouri and help, but would have to have a bodyguard and all conveniences of home, but I COULD make them listen.

Am hard at press work, but do not get hold of country press. This ought to be done through circular letters, written and mimeographed in O., but headquarters would have to do the clerical work of distribution.

Affectionately

Your comrade
Sophie Gaudier

Delighted that you go to New Port.

WISCONSIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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MADISON, WIS., July 26 1915

Dear Ada: -

I've asked Miss Bain to send
me to you a letter of mine, concerning Miss
Paul and our work. I'm saving my eyes,
which I've over-used (on the train!).

I enclose a word for the Humane
Society meeting. I've tried to get somebody
to endorse me over - but I will send this
word instead. -

Are you coming to Town Hill August
13? - I do want to see you before the
legislative ballot comes out. -

Love to you - - Zona

Mrs. Underwood

P.S. I find the convention is to-morrow, so I
send the word direct to Mrs. Underwood.

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MADISON, WIS., July 26 1915

Dear Miss Bain: -

Eda James writes to know that Miss Paul and I came at in our talk. - You mentioned keeping my letter to send to Miss Paul. If you happen to have it yet, will you send it to Eda? - I read on the train - and am saving my eyes as the result of straining them then.

But that train, he sure, did not come anywhere near Kenosha! -

Best of love and remembrance, to you both.

Faithfully yours,

Zona Gale

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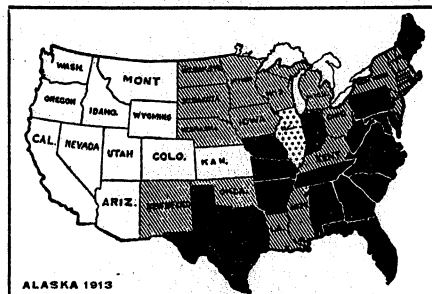
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July 24/15

Dear Ada:-

As you probably know, I intend to leave Wisconsin permanently the middle of August or the first of Sept. Mrs Youmans and I thought it would be well for all of us to think over a possible successor before a board meeting is called so that we may have data and possible recommendations to place before the board. Have you in mind the names of women who might fill this position? We are wondering whether you yourself could spare a month or two for the headquarters work here in Waukesha? The whole thing is very much in the air, particularly our speakers for the county fairs, many of which come in late August and early September. I am hoping that Mrs Haight and Mrs McCreery may take a large number of these dates. Could you take some of them and which counties would you prefer, provided of course we obtain the consent of the secretaries of such fairs? I have seen or eight favorable replies for the August fairs and want to provide good speakers.

Ever yours with love,

Alice B. Curtis

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Montello

Wed. July 14th

My dear Miss James -

Now that it appears a
"staging" date for the Convention
has been decided upon. I am
writing to the several people
who you thought might attend.
Sent a package of literature to
you last week for Miss Cronston,
by the way I hope she will come
with you, and if my house is not
so filled I cannot make you both
comfortable, will be glad to enter-
tain her, as well as yourself.
If Miss Gale cannot come, I wish
she would write you a short letter

expressing her interest and good wishes
for human work. for the encouragement
of those who do attend the meeting together.
If a party should come by auto. we have
a garage that can take care of fifteen
or more cars in town a little distance
from us. I think Mr. Benson suggested
that all the men attending the convention
had best stay in the village, however
I understand that our local Priest
Rev. Luther Schneider expects to entertain
Luther Mc. Keritt if he comes.
Some time the latter part of next week
please let me know how many and who
will probably come from your city, and
will you please think out some way by
which we can organize a society or league
or some thing, by which the human work
in the state at large, may be helped to do
some thing effective —

In haste

Sincerely Yours

E. H. Underwood

(Mention # for journal.)

MRS. ESTELLE H. B. FOOT
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Stane Lake Wis.
July 20, 1915.

My dear Miss Jones:

Kindly inform me as to
the present status of Widows Pension
in Wisconsin and made of pro-
cedure of applicants in case
such a law obtains.

Thanking you in advance,
I am,

Very sincerely,
Estelle H. Bennett - Foot,
Pres't Evanston Tol. Equality
League -

Summer home
Stane Lake,
Wis.

HARTFORD, WIS.,

July 22nd

1916

My dear Miss James,

Your most excellent contribution received. We regret very much our inability to print it in the "Special Issue".

We decided to rush the paper out before the Convention. This will make it possible for us to get it into the Summer Schools which are still in session and also distribute it among those attending the Convention.

The result of the Meeting and decisions there made we will print in the August or September number.

Would be glad of the privilege of printing your article in one of the

M. BENSON, M. D.

HARTFORD, WIS.,

July 22

1915

the regular issues.

Thanking you for
your kind help, and
expecting to meet you at
Montell, I am,

Yours sincerely,

L. L.

A. M. Benson

MRS. ESTELLE H. D. BRYAN
1943 CHERMAN AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILL.

Stone Lake, Wis.,

July 24, 1915

My dear Miss James;

If you are home and have any suffrage literature to spare may I ~~ask~~ that it be sent at once to Mrs. O. J. Little Owen, Wis? She is a licensed minister and a speaker of much power is a recent convert to suffrage & a great acquisition in that she is a woman of influence & large acquaintance. The Communist Club of Ouey has asked her to speak to them August 2nd. She has appealed to me for information and material - This sum summarizes

Frome only and my literature
is not great, I have my Woman's
Journal only, and such informa-
tion as is of a general character
or applicable to Illinois (my home).
If you have anything covering
the present status of suffrage,
and laws regarding women &
children in Wisconsin, it would
be quite to the point.

I do hope that you have some-
thing for Mrs. Little & that it be
sent at once.

Very gratefully,
Estelle H. B. Post

Mrs. T. Coniston Nat. Equality League

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BLOOMER, WIS. July 7th 1915.

Miss Ada James

Your telegram received by phone. I was advised by the agent not to send a message to the Senator until next morning. Next morning I called up the station, and I think an assistant answered, any way he knew nothing of the telegram, so he looked it up, but he seemed (was) very indifferent and hung up before I'd given the full message. I was obliged to ring up again. When I returned from the phone I remarked, "I'll bet that telegram is never sent", because that man acts so indifferent, and so it proved on going to pay for it. I've not yet learned how the vote carried. This will be a hard state for suffrage to win on account of breweries. But keeping everlastingly at it

will win. I'm for suffrage just
because it is right, and maybe we
can control the wicked King Alcohol.

Thank you

Caroline Emmerton
Pres. of the W. A. of the A. S. of C.

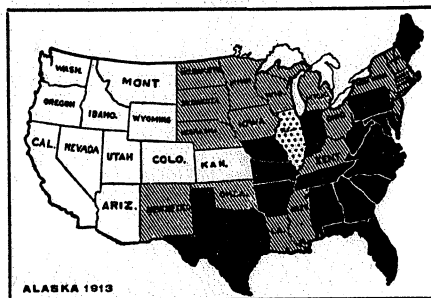
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July 9/15

Dear Ada James:-

The issue of the Congressional Union here in Wisconsin lies, I think, between Miss Bain and Miss Paul. Miss Bain will try to see if Miss Paul will forego an organization here providing our state organization will do the congressional work. I have not very much hope of a favorable outcome, since, loyal as Miss Bain always has been to the state organization, Miss Paul has a very strong hold upon her. I wrote Miss Bain that I would call a board meeting at any time and your letter almost makes me think it is best though I can't see that we will arrive at any outcome. The board will go over the same material covered at the Oshkosh meeting and I feel very confident how the board will line up. After hearing from Miss Bain I will let you know about the board meeting and other things.

I realize Miss Paul's gifts. She must be a wonderful woman to attract the ardent partisans which she does attract and do the work she does. I want to work with any one who wants to help in the woman suffrage cause even though their ways are not my ways but for me, the most difficult person to work with is the one idea-ed individual without balance and without consideration for other people. Perhaps it is this kind of extremists who do things but they make it desperately hard for other people.

I am going to have the correspondence between Miss Paul, Mrs Catt and Mrs ^{Yates} ~~Pham~~ copied and will then return you the letters. My sympathies in the correspondence are with Mrs Catt because it is natural enough for her to believe that any outside organization coming into N Y now under the stain of the final conflict brings in an uncertain element and may deleteriously affect things and lose the vote. In a word Mrs Catt's mind and way of approaching things, I can understand and sympathize with. Miss Paul's I can't very much. However, as you know, I am not going to fight the Congressional Union, it would be worse than foolish. Miss Paul will do what she wishes to do and can do and we shall have to adapt ourselves to it as best we may. It is bitterly difficult but we shall pull through somehow.

Affectionately always,

Theodora Wysocka

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Miss Zona Gale

July 4th [1915]

Chairman,

My dear Miss Gale,

Is there any way in which the Chairman of Civics of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs could be reached, thru you as Gen'l Chairman, & induced to be a little more tolerant of suffrage?

The Alabama President, Chairman of Civics, & Chairman of Legislation are all perfectly good anti-suffragists & expecting to use their sweet, indirect influence with the next legislature.

I thought perhaps - now that the Gen'l Federation has endorsed suffrage - some pressure or influence might be brought to bear, some literature sent or help in some wise,

We hope to get the Ala. Federation
to endorse suffrage regardless of
the three hind mice just mentioned
but if Mrs. Lee Moody, Clarendon
Ave. Bessemer Ala - could be made
to see that civic work is easier
with the ballot than without, I
would not feel the hot weather
quite so depressing!!

Thanking you for any help
or literature you can bring to her
notice - I am

Attie Ruffner Jacobs
Pres. Ala. E. S. A. -

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Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

Your telegram of June 30th received but I did not act upon your suggestion for the reason that Senator Everett is so much of a stand-patter conservative or reactionary, whatever you prefer to style him, that he would be more likely to vote favorable to the Suffrage Bill without a request from me than he would with it. But, of course, we would not expect him to vote for the bill in either case and while I have not seen the roll call, I am very certain we will find his name among those who oppose the measure.

Very truly yours,

SEC-TREAS.
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Dear Ada:

Will you read the enclosed letter; and then will you not consider with me that it would be a good idea for you to send to the Legislative chairman of Alabama, a copy of the pamphlet, together with a word about the action of your district convention in voting that the Federation issue the booklet, and pay a woman to be present at the next legislative session, etc.

The name of the Alabama chairman of legislation I append to the letter. This will bring it to her attention directly; and I could not logically send to her.

To Mrs. Moody I have sent the Civics committee's suffrage resolution which it was made unnecessary to present there, because the entire Body of the Convention passed the Suffrage resolution before the Civics conference was held.

I am writing to Mrs. Jacobs to tell her that I have asked you to do this.

Faithfully yours,

Ford

*Legislativ Chairman of
Alabama W. F. W. C.*

*Mrs. John D. McNeil,
Montgomery,
Alabama*

1915, June?

State Headquarters
Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Ada James:

I am in deep waters these days. Organization in this state by the Congressional Union would I am sure result in all the difficulties and the disagreeables that come under those circumstances. I want congressional work done and I believe that the we may accept Congressional Union methods, to an extent which may be fixed by a committee appointed by the state and loyal to the state. The anti-party policy says the Suffragist is to be dropped until after this session of Congress.

If the state society is willing to do the work and if our own loyal members may pass upon methods, who should we have a new society now? It may be necessary later--but let that wait. We can all join heartily here and now in congressional work.

Please, please, use your influence to prevent another organization. As I see it now, the Board of the Wisconsin association authorized the appointment of a congressional committee which might work with any organization with whose aims and methods it is in harmony. That would cover the situation perfectly would it not?

Will write later concerning other matters. There is only thing in the world for me just now.

Affectionately

Hendora M. Jussans

[1915, June?]

Dear Zina;

My knowledge of suffrage
plays is limited, & my
impression is that in
the whole they are pretty
frivolous and undignified.
The only thing I know of
that might be possible
is the second act of
Ardis and Barbe
B. Cene. What would you
think of that? Perhaps

you know of some thing
better? It might be
done effectively, and
so complete as an
act, from the rest of
the play, how about
theatre, scenery, &
costumes? We could
give you services gratis,
but we could not spend
money in the production
as we are planning to take

over rather a large debt
When we take this house +
However I suppose you will
lose the theatre any way - and
the lighting would be very slight.
One lens, (I think that would
cost only \$1.50), as for scenery
it should have draperies or
some steps - the steps are
easy as all theatres are
equipped with plenty of steps +
as for draperies, to be
effective they must be
high - Now we have some
draperies in hand we could
use, but they will not quite
enclose the scene + I think
they could be arranged with
very little expense, as for costumes

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They would be draperies,
& could be easily
adapted from our
present War robe.
Let me know what
you think of this & I will
proceed to cast the parts.
I would like to get
Ruth Fitch for Ardiane.
Your expense there
would be the extra
draperies, & the bus light.

Can't you stand that
much?

I am awfully sorry about
your mother. I hope
she is all right now.
It must have been a
serious thing.

I suppose you will be
so rushed at the
suffrage convention that
you won't be able to breathe,
but can't you & Mrs. Jackson
put up with me & that

is if Mary Morris doesn't
could Mrs. Jackson + you
may prefer to have some one
else stay here with you - if so
suggest some one - and I'll
ask her or it +

I've school - play house - etc
proposition looks quite promising
in spite of lack of funds + we
plan to have enough paying
activities to make it go - but
we will have to borrow the
money to equip + It's going
to be very attractive, interesting
& practical + Tea room -
play house - work shop -
reading room - ballroom, and
only \$50. a month rent for the
first year +
The length of this letter don't
look as if I were rushed to death
but I am - With love - Laura -

Thanks for the program catalogue

State Headquarters
Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association
Waukesha, Wisconsin

II she did not seem to think we met Miss Paul and "you all" at Madison.

We have a sane, well balanced board, I do not believe there is a "sane" board of any nature in the U. S. and there is no question in my mind but that the vote will be as it always has been — a unanimous vote for what is best — (not most expedient necessarily) I run a little lorry of that word.

With love and confidence

Ada L. James.

I do not type or must understand work, it is apt to lead to misunderstanding.

State Headquarters
Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association
Waukesha, Wisconsin

383 Hazelton St.,
July 8, 1915.

Very dear Mrs. Youmans:- Please don't worry
any more about the Congressional Union
situation. Why not call a broad meeting and
talk the matter over? We all have great con-
fidence in your judgment and when we
have thrashed the matter over I am sure we
will have arrived at a conclusion satisfactory
to all.

A week ago Sunday a special delivery came
from Miss Bain asking me to meet Miss Paul
in Kenosha, Monday. I was in the country
& so did not receive it in time. ^{Wednesday} ~~Tuesday~~ Miss
Paul wired & asked if she might come to P. C.
I wired back she might - so she arrived ^{Thursday} ~~Wednesday~~
evening - the club arranged a reception here for
her the same evening - following that she & I
argued & debated until after one a. m. When
she left next day she tried to get me to
promise to let her say that I desired to have
the Union organize independently in Wisconsin.

she asked to say that I stood for this or that but I said "Mrs Paul I prefer to say what I have to say myself and to our board" until we have a board meeting I don't want to be quoted". I also said we all had great confidence in your judgment, and that you were always open to correction — if there was any misunderstanding we could easily clear it up. I should like very much to have her present at the board meeting. I handed her Leticia to read and she has a different vision of some things.

As far as the Union and its policy is concerned (as she explained it) it seems to me non-partisan. ~~and~~ Mrs Paul wanted me to take the next train to Namburha and talk with you — if I did not do that, to write to you at once. I have planned several letters to you but started one but I cannot express to you all I wish to in writing — then too here is one reason I did not go to you at once. Mrs Paul knew ^{that} you, Mrs. Harper, Miss Leticia and Miss Gale were in Madison — & I thought it would have been better ^{for me} to have

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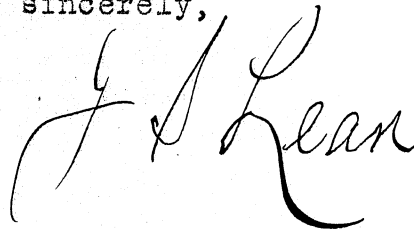
Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

I received your communication entitled "From a Woman's View Point", and "The Advantage of a Dry Town as seen by One of Richland Center's Leading Women." The matter was all made up for this month's paper before I received it. I am sure that it is a helpful article, and I will preserve it carefully and have it appear in the August number of our Wisconsin Issue. It is too late now to have it appear in the July number. I have just returned from the Convention in Atlantic City, and on account of my absence, a good many things have been somewhat laid over. I think, however, it will not seriously interfere with anything to have it appear in the August number of the Issue instead of the one that comes out the middle of this month.

I thank you for your contribution, and will give it a prominent place in the paper when it is made up.

Very sincerely,



JSL/J

State Superintendent.

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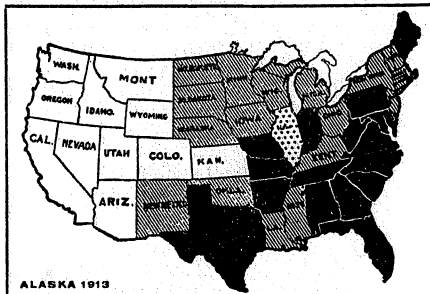
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June 26/15

Dear Ada James:-

Can you pull any strings on Senator Platt Whitman? He is the limit. He promised several times to vote for us and then voted against us. Then he promised if his vote were necessary to save us he would not let us go down to defeat. He did let us go to defeat. We can't do anything with him and I do not know if even his home people can. He seems such a weak brother. If you can undertake to stir up his people to stir up him, I shall be grateful.

Senator Ackley is really acting very decently. He never promised to vote for us and when he expects to vote against us he lets us know. A big petition from home against the bill and no intimation that his home people favor a woman suffrage was a legitimate enough excuse for any politician to change his vote.

Miss Curtis is in Eau Claire and Chippewa trying to secure evidences that there are some people in Senator Ackley's district who do favor woman suffrage. The gossip around the Capitol is that Everett is going to run for Governor and is trimming his sails. Some of our men are splendid. Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear on both Jennings and Bennett but they have not deserted us.

Now as to the differences between Mrs. Catt and Miss Paul, I think we should remember the situation in which the N Y women are. After many years of effort, they finally have their chance. They are making a campaign which I firmly believe the world has never seen before. If they lose now they may not have another chance for decades to come. That any suffragist on any pretense whatsoever would do anything to lose them a single vote seems to them unbearable. You and I would feel the same way under similar circumstances. To my mind it is a poor excuse to say that a man would grab at apparently slight reasons to change his ~~own~~ opinion on woman suffrage and would not vote for it any way. I think there are plenty of men who are really moved one way or the other by very slight motives. This is a time when a straw may literally break the back of the camel.

The more I think about the anti-party policy of the Union the more I question if it is not essentially an immoral policy. We have been assuming that women would be less partisan and more individual than men. Do you think it is sound public policy to try to band them together so their influence may be used as a club? Isn't this just the sort of thing we have been opposing in men's politics? Of course this is only one feature of the situation.

Affectionately as ever,

Theodore M. Spencer

[1915, June 16]

Dear Members of the Executive Committee and
Advisory Council of the Congressional Union:-

We understand that you have received a letter from Mrs. Catt, criticising the methods of the Congressional Union, and claiming that its work is injurious to the New York referendum campaign.

As New York women, deeply interested in the success of our cause here, and working earnestly for its victory, we are glad to be able to inform you, that in our opinion Mrs. Catt is mistaken, and to assure you that we uphold the work that the Union is doing and feel that it helps, rather than hinders New York.

The accusations made by Mrs. Catt are as follows:

1 - That Miss Paul promised to keep the Congressional Union's "activities" out of New York until after Nov. 2nd, and has broken that promise.

Answer: If Mrs. Catt will read more carefully Miss Paul's letter to her, she will see that Miss Paul promised not to organize the convention in New York, until after Nov. 2nd. She did this, because she did not think it wise to try to divert women from their own campaign. She did not promise not to interview Congressmen. It is necessary for all Congressmen to be visited before the winter begins, for two reasons, first, because it will make them realize the strong pressure for the Anthony Amendment.

2 - This can only be done successfully in summer, because the men are at home, where their home women can reach them fairly easily. It is very difficult, if not impossible for women to go to Washington. These visits do not divert suffragists in New York too much, as they are arranged by the Congressional Union's office, and only take a few moments' time on the part of the New York women.

3 - Mrs. Catt gives the idea that the Congressional Union is waging an "anti-Democratic" campaign.

Answer: Nothing could be more untrue. There is absolutely no anti-Democratic work being done anywhere. There is no occasion for any. The Suffragist of May 29th says: "This is certainly no time for attacking any man or any party. A new Congress has just been elected. It has no record whatever on suffrage."

In the visits to Congressmen they are merely told that we hope they will vote for the amendment next winter, and give the reasons why. No threats whatever are made.

The Congressional Union is absolutely non-partisan in its attitude in that it does not endorse any party. In its campaign in the suffrage states last summer, it asked women voters to vote against the Democrats, not because they were Democrats, but because of the party's record against suffrage. If the Republicans had been the party controlling Congress, it would have opposed the Republicans. It not only defeated Mr. Seldonridge of Colorado, Mr. Flegel of Oregon, Mr. Neeley, of Kansas, Mr. Moyle from Utah, Mr. Hawley of Idaho, but it accomplished its purpose, by making the record of the Democratic Party on Woman Suffrage, widely known and hotly discussed in the Suffrage States. It is not too much to say that it has made Woman Suffrage an ever-present political issue in those States, until all women are enfranchised.

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It also laid the foundations of permanent and growing support by those States, of the work at Washington. To the women voters, for the first time, the appeal was made to put the enfranchisement of women first - all other issues secondary.

4 - Mrs. Catt hints that the Congressional Union does not want New York to win this fall, and is trying to divert workers by telling them it is no use to work for the State method. It hardly seems necessary to answer such a preposterous suggestion. The Congressional Union is, of course, keenly, prayerfully desirous of having all the campaign States win - and it certainly is not trying to discourage New York workers.

5 - Mrs. Catt claims that the Congressional Union's attempts to make appointments with President Wilson, to see groups of suffragists in Philadelphia and New York, is "injuring the cause". She draws her proof from the newspapers, who disapproved of suffragists' disturbing the President with the rights of suffrage when he was considering "serious and pressing" problems, such as welcoming aliens to citizenship and welcoming the Navy in New York. The papers called these visits "attacks" and "militant" and "heckling", and said the time was not "opportune". They also lied about them as usual, representing the women as "rude and screaming", etc., whereas nothing in the least discourteous was even suggested.

We regret that Mrs. Catt and other suffragists, instead of replying to reporters that, tho' they were not concerned in these visits, they regretted that President Wilson could not spare five minutes for suffragists, ~~but~~ took their tone from the papers and fell into the trap prepared for them and echoed the sentiments of our enemies.

Mrs. Catt claims that one paper that was for us, was so incensed that it now says it will turn against us, and honestly thinks that Senator O'Gorman was on the verge of coming out in favor of suffrage, when the Congressional Union visited him, and said they hoped he would vote for the Federal Amendment, whereupon he decided not to vote for us.

We reply that papers and individuals that talk in such a puerile manner, do not deserve to be taken seriously. Supporters as childish as that, are not really converted in the least. They will always find an excuse.

Newspapers and certain suffragists at first disapproved of parades; and said they would turn men against us and injure the cause.

The Empire State Campaign Committee has just carried out a "silent" demonstration in the naturalization court in New York, which the New York Times condemns, and which the papers say lost us some votes. It was, in fact, managed in a more "militant" way than the Congressional Union's visits to the President's Secretary. Yet we know that it was a good piece of work and in the end will do good.

We believe that both the occasions of the attempts to see President Wilson, were peculiarly "opportune". We do not acknowledge that any question, even that of war and peace, is as serious and pressing as that of the enfranchisement of women.

The Congressional Union believes that President Wilson, in every State that he visits, should be asked to give an appointment to suffragists, that he may constantly feel the urgency of the question, and that we may have an opportunity to enlighten him. We always have something new to tell him.

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To those who say that we should accept as final what the President has already said on suffrage, we reply that we accept from politicians no answer but the right one. Experience has taught us that men can be made to change their minds. As proof that it has not injured the cause here, we state that Senator Brackett of Saratoga, so long our enemy, has announced himself converted. This has occurred since he calls on the President.

The Congressional Union is spoken of by the National Association as a "small group" of unknown young women. This is far from the case. The Advisory Council numbers about 60 women, nearly all of them influential and important women from all over the United States. The membership grows by leaps and bounds until now it numbers many thousands. In spite of criticism, the suffragists of the country, recognize the brilliant national work done, the clever, honest leadership and generous and untiring devotion of the Congressional Union, and believe that its work will pass the Anthony Amendment next winter.

The methods of the Union, do not need defense - only praise - Two great parades in Washington, a nation-wide May 2nd demonstration, Congress thoroughly aroused, and suffrage made a national issue, the many thousands of dollars spent, the wonderful vote in Senate and House, the inclusion of a Federal Suffrage Plank in the platform of each of the parties in Colorado, and in the Democratic platform in Arizona, ~~closing~~ ^{during} the "Anti-Democratic" campaign of the Congressional Union. Surely these results prove the excellence of the methods used, and now, the splendid work at the Congressional Union booth in San Francisco, and the organizing of a convention of women voters in September, show to anyone who has eyes to see that our vigorous and wise young Congressional Union deserves the unfailing support of every State in the Union.

We heartily urge suffragists in each State to do all in their power to organize Congressional Union Associations as soon as possible. If this is well done, surely the victory of the Anthony Amendment next winter is assured.

Very sincerely yours,

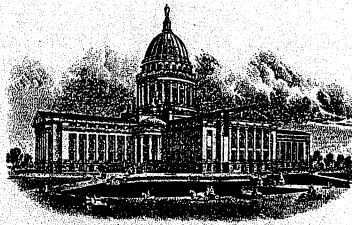
(Mrs. John Winters Brennan) (Signed) Eunice Dana Brennan
(Mrs. John Rogers) " Elizabeth Selden Rogers

New York Members of the Advisory Council.

New York, June 16, 1915.

J. HENRY BENNETT,
Viroqua, Wisconsin

SENATOR 31st DISTRICT
Jackson, Vernon and Monroe Counties



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE,
SENATE CHAMBER,
MADISON.

Please return

June 26th, 1915.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Regarding the suffrage referencum vote in the Senate, will say that the Senators have been played on record four different times on this matter.

The bill has now been killed, and it seems to me there is no possibility of its being passed in the other house, even assuming that it might be gotten through here on a reconsideration, which I doubt.

The purpose, as I understood it, for introducing the bill in the Senate after it had been defeated in the lower house, was to place the Senate on record. It having served that purpose, I believe your cause would now be promoted by not forcing the bill further at this session.

Yours very truly,

J. HENRY BENNETT.

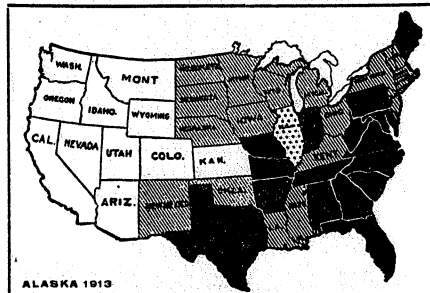
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June 25/16

Dear Friends:-

As you know, the woman suffrage referendum bill was killed in the senate by one vote, Senator Ackley changing from the affirmative to the negative. However, he moved a re-consideration and put it up to us to prove that there is sentiment in his district in favor of woman suffrage. He had received from home a large petition against the bill and no intimation to amount to anything that anybody in his district wanted woman suffrage.

Miss Curtis has gone to his district to assist local suffragists in circulating petitions. Whether we shall be able to change Senator Ackley's vote I do not know but we must make the effort and Miss Curtis' work in that district will be the best kind of propaganda. Our bill comes up again by special order next Thursday morning.

Now if you have any friends or acquaintances in Eau Claire or Chippewa or if your friends have friends with any pull whatever in any part of Senator Ackley's district, please write at once to every one of them and implore their assistance to bring influence to bear on Senator Ackley.

The fight in the legislature is simply terrific. Some of our friends are going through a fiery furnace but they are not being turned from our cause.

Hastily but hopefully yours,

Theodora W. Yocum

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June 24, 1915.

Dear Members of the Executive Committee and
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In view of the letter which, I
understand, Mrs. Catt has sent you with regard to
the Congressional Union, I am sending our entire
correspondence with Mrs. Catt, so that you may
be in a better position to answer the points
which she raises.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
Chairman.

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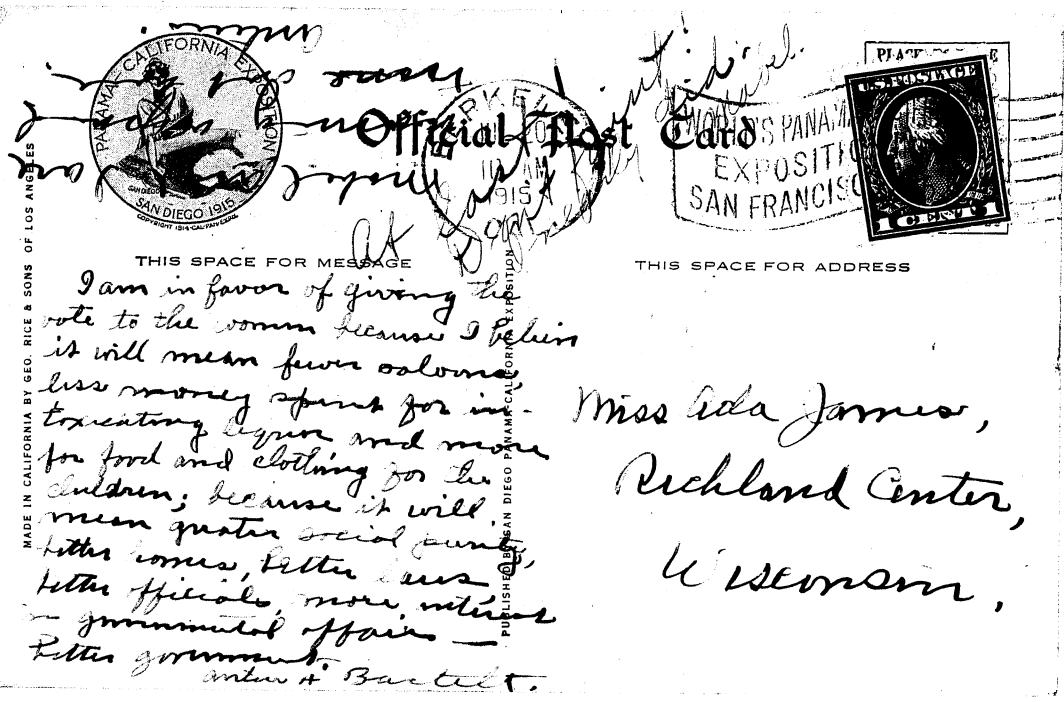
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee and
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As Acting Chairman in New York State until the organization of the Congressional Union Branch in New York, I am sending you a letter from two members of our Advisory Council with regard to Mrs. Catt's letter which, as we understand, has been sent to you. This letter from Mrs. Brannan and Mrs. Rogers, while written in their capacity as members of the Advisory Council of the Congressional Union, carries with it great weight, as they are both members of the Executive Committee of the Women's Political Union of New York, of which society Mrs. Brannan is also the state treasurer.

Very sincerely yours,

Acting Chairman.



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*I am in favor of giving the
vote to the woman because I believe
it will mean fewer soldiers,
less money spent for in-
treating liquor and more
for food and clothing for the
children; because it will
mean greater social justice,
better homes, better laws,
better officials, more interest
in governmental affairs -
better government.*
Arthur H. Bartlett.

*Miss Ida James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin,*

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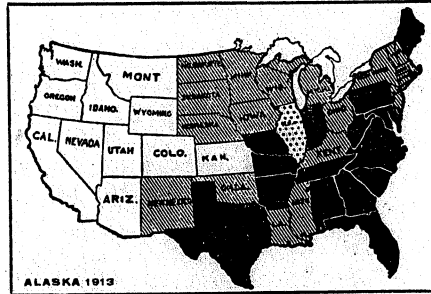
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June 19/15

Dear Friends:-

I have a letter from the president of the Women's Political Union of New Jersey, containing the following paragraphs:

" Upon my return from Chicago last night, I found that the Anti-Suffrage Association had opened headquarters on the most prominent corner in Newark, with elegantly furnished rooms and a sign several feet high, bearing the words "Vote NO on the Suffrage Amendment, October 16". Money will be poured out like water to defeat us here, and yet there is a magnificent chance to carry the state if only we can get to the people. The plain people of New Jersey are not unfriendly to this amendment. They are friendly and we get our fair share of them whenever we can get to them.

" The sole question in our campaign is a financial one - to get money enough to take adequate speakers and campaign workers to the people.

" If the Wisconsin women could raise anything to help the New Jersey campaign, I cannot tell you how grateful we should be."

It does seem to me we ought to help New Jersey. I know our treasury is hard up but could we strain a point for this imperative call? Please let me hear from you. \$25.00 will keep a worker in the field a week. \$100.00 will do it for a month. Please vote eye or no on the question of sending \$25.00 to N. J. Please also vote eye or no on the question of sending \$100.00 to N. J.

Let me have your answer at once.

Cordially yours,

Theodora M. Youmans

La Crosse, Wis. 6/17-15

My dear Miss James:-

I am writing to say that the World's Purely Federation is chaperoning a party (of which I shall be in charge) to the Traces & Sand Dunes Fair.

This chaperonage includes all planning and care and protection, arrangements, at least - cost for side trips and safety while in both places - as well as on the way -

The fee will be \$2.00 per person, which will nearly be covered in some expenses - by the party.

You will see by return - perhaps for a list of names - whether this will be -

You and any whom you care

interest, can join us at
Galesburg - or Chicago or
better La Crosse - buying
your ticket - from home
point - reading our route -

I trust - you have not
forgotten me -

Yours most sincerely

Emma F. A. Drake (M.D.)

La Crosse Wis.

P.S. you will perhaps
remember I spent five
days in your town four
years ago -

Further particulars by
writing me at - La Crosse -

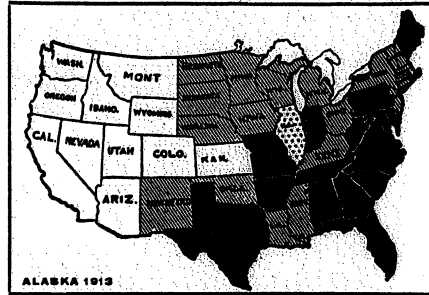
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Dear Ada James:-

I am going to write an account of the conference for the Citizen so won't take time to detail the whole thing in private letters. I had a long conference with Miss Paul in Chicago. I am convinced that she desires to have our state association help her launch her organization here in Wisconsin and then cut loose entirely, leaving the congressional work absolutely in her hands. I cannot of course agree to anything like this, but must abide by the decision of the board at the Oshkosh meeting. A special meeting of the board may be called to go over the whole matter carefully. It would be best if Miss Paul could be present. She went to Ohio for a board meeting. They talked all day and decided unanimously against her. On the other hand the Minnesota delegation to the Chicago conference was made up of violent partisans of Miss Paul, with the exception of the president, Mrs.eland, who is moderate. Miss Paul wants a conference the last of June, which seems perfectly impossible to me. Is it reasonable or courteous of her to insist upon a thing like this without consulting our convenience in the least?

Won't you write Mrs Jordan, telling her what you think about it? If you can support my decision, I shall be so glad. We need all our wisdom and all our loyalty now. The situation is really very difficult.

Affectionately as ever,

Theodora M. Young
T.M.Y.

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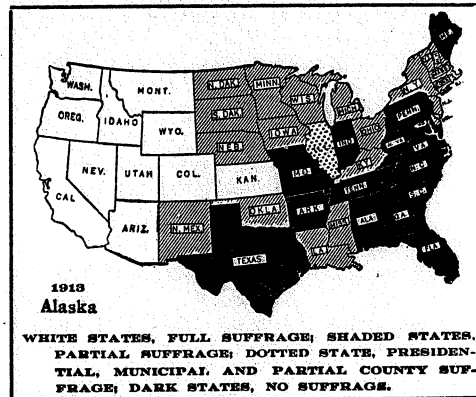
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Miss Ada L. James

Richland Centre

Wisconsin

My dear Miss James:

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of the pamphlet, which I understand you have had published, giving the record of each member of your state legislature on bills of special interest to women.

Will you also give me the record of action taken on each of the three suffrage measures which were introduced in your legislature this year? Am I right in thinking that the only one which came to a vote was the one for full suffrage, which was defeated in the Senate?

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Clara Savage
Press Chairman

CS/W

Green Bay Wis
June 3-15

Dear Ada —

I'm home again, after
a long sick spell at Papa's.
My nerves went all to smash
a little over two months ago
and I had to go where I
could have a good rest.

I've been eating raw eggs
and going to bed at 8.30
ever since and am now
feeling pretty good and
picking up the 20 pounds

I lost.

I do remember our Kurosho friend but I couldn't believe he was getting married. "No fool like an old one" etc.

I had a short note from Crystal today, about every six months she sends me her latest address, requesting for a letter, and then it's all over for another long time. Cu

the letter head I noticed that she is chairman of The Advisory Committee of the N. Y. City Branch of The Woman's Peace Party. I'm wondering if she is still selling automobiles. When I was down home I had lunch one day with Edna Wright, who is now connected with an insurance company in Milwaukee. She saw quite a bit of Crystal in New York. She said Wallace was going down hill. It's a rare man who can keep up to his wife if she has a keener mind than he. That's the one drawback in economic independence of women after marriage.

1915, June, 3

It isn't always possible
for them to both follow
their hearts in the same
city. When I finished in
Nebraska there were
many influential men
and women who had
become interested in me
and if I could have
stayed there I could
have made a lot more
money than is my lot
now.

It's pretty hard, too, to stay at home after one has earned a good salary.

You won't forget, will you, to send back my paper that I gave at Madison? It took so well that I want to preserve it.

Mr. C. A. Ingram - ex-speaker of the House, has written me about helping

him in the coming campaign.
While he did not say, I think
he will run for Congress. From
his letter I judge he will come
out for prohibition and he
would vote for our amend-
ment too, I think. That's our
only hope now - to elect en-
ough Congressmen to carry
a constitutional amendment.
I'm not sure I care to work
for him tho - what do you
think of him - what is his
record. He would oppose
Frear. During the 1917 camp-
aign he and I did several
towns together and he shared
time with me when he was
advertised and I was not.

1915, June 3

The women must be very careful about the kind of men we support or it would be a boomerang.

I've been too nervous to do any writing so except for an outline my story about you is still in Maudie's little head.

Days when I feel pretty good I want to

work but the doctor
says I must conserve
my strength until I
fully recover.

Before I start out again
I want to pay you a
visit.

Ray's mother died two
weeks ago.

I'm going tonight to hear
the Revivalists who are
here "do up" dancing &

expect I'll come home soon,
you know my religion is
not at all orthodox, and
Sunday nearly used up my
patience. I guess it's Hell
for mice - if They have
anything to say about it.

Remember me kindly to
your father and the rest
of the family.

Much love to you from
Maud

[1915], June 3

Aha dear! - Will you tell
me what the 5% alcohol
bill is - and what is good
and what is ill about it? -

And can you tell me
what of importance is to come
on soon - besides the Joint
Guardianship & the university
bills & the legislative reference
& the university clinic, etc. -
I missed out on the one

day out in seven and the
childrens free lunches and
the civil service is institutions
because I did not know they
were to be up when they were -
oh, the water power bill!

My love to you - of course
I am interested in the county
home work & will do what I
can. - If it is not
hurrying you, may I have your
reply by Monday at latest?
This means, I'm afraid, to be

mailed Saturday morning, otherwise
I will not have it until the
afternoon mail on Monday, & I
need it early in the day.

'Affectionately always,

John.

I saw Crystal in Los
Angeles!

June 3.

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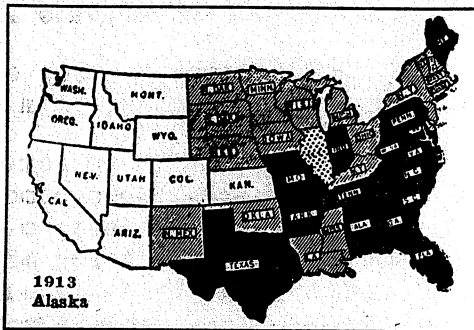
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My dear Miss James:

Plans for reception and entertainment of the delegates to the National Conference in Chicago June 6th to 9th are as follows:

I. Headquarters for all purposes will be the LaSalle Hotel, with business office of the conference in Room 100.

II. Upon arrival, delegates will please go to Room 100 and present their credentials. They will then be assigned to accommodations in the hotel, or, if they are to be entertained at private homes, their hostesses will meet them.

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IV. Delegates will be the guests of Mrs. Medill McCormick at luncheon on Tuesday, June 8th, at the Hotel LaSalle.

V. On Tuesday evening, at 6:30, the delegates will be the guests of the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association, at a dinner at the LaSalle Hotel in honor of the Presidents of the campaign states.

Please make your plans to remain for a conference session on Wednesday morning, June 9th, if this should be found desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

Auth McCormick
(Mrs. Medill McCormick.)

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Miss Lola L. James

June 3/11

Richland Center Wisconsin

My dear Miss James: I appreciate very much your hope that the next Legislature will see us surrounded by better coworkers. And I hope that they will at least treat the suffrage advocates like ladies. I will try and come to Richland Center on June 29th on the invitation received from your father if possible.

Yours very sincerely

Geo Staudenmayer

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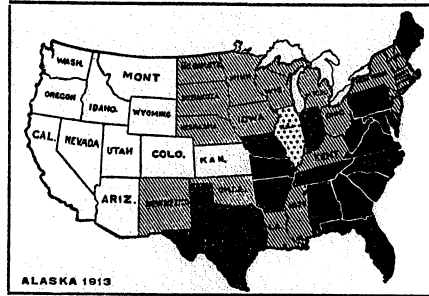
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June 2/15

Dear Ada James:-

I hate to insist but we need you in Chicago. The situation is so desperately difficult that we must have our delegation made up of those who know the conditions. Our ranks are badly depleted and we have few available people to draw from.

Mrs Catt's letter is certainly a scorcher and from my point of view it is entirely deserved. While I think the Union is right in its attitude toward the amendments it seems to its tactics are nothing less than suicidal. There can be no question that Miss Paul is at heart a militant, inspired by the methods and aims of the English militants. Miss Bain's letter indicates that Miss Paul will be satisfied with nothing less than a separate organization in Wisconsin. I do wish every loyal Wisconsin suffragist would refuse to help her in this organization. It can only breed trouble. It seems to me that a reasonable person ought to be satisfied with a congressional committee in the state organization which would be friendly with the Union even though friendly also with the National.

In relation to the leaflet. It is capital except there are too many socialist names. I am afraid it would not have much effect without the names of some Germans who are not socialists. Can you not find some of these? I should not object to leaving Pete Schmitt on the list although I believe Mrs Gudden thought it would be best without.

I expect to go down to Chicago Sunday p.m. Mrs Gudden, Mrs Jordan and I make up the other three members. Mrs Haight is also going and Miss Wells may go from Kenosha.

Faithfully and anxiously yours,

Theodora W. Youmans

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Dear Miss James.

I saw Miss Harriet Bain in New York and she said that upon her return to Wisconsin, she would help in organizing our convention in Wisconsin. She was anxious that I should see you and Mrs. Youmans, Miss Gale, and Mrs. Jordan, if possible while I was in this part of the country to talk over plans for the Convention.

I find I cannot leave Minnesota before the 5th however and as I have to be in Connecticut on the 8th, I am afraid there will be no opportunity. I wonder if you were planning to be in Chicago for the conference of the National Association on June 6th. I shall arrive in Chicago at 9.20 on the morning of the 6th. so if you are there at that time

will you not arrange for me to see you on that day
I shall have to leave the night of the 6th for Connecticut

In case you are planning to go to Chicago
please let me know at the above address (care
Mrs A.H. Potter) and I will telephone to you
at your hotel in Chicago or arrange to meet
you in some way while there. I do hope
you can arrange this.

Sincerely,
Alice Paul

Madison, Wis. Aug. 2 - '15-

My dear Miss James. -

Now that the Montello convention is over, we can find "where we are at." One of our directors went. There were eight on attendance (which is ~~not~~^{nothing} to be discouraged over for I doubt not the time will come when that number will have swollen to eighty) and of course (it rained all the time nearly.) not much could be accomplished in the way of "legislation," but a State Board of Education was born with Mrs. George of Waubesa as president, I am trusting this Board may counter-

ally bring ~~out~~ about the enactment of
laws for compulsory humane education.
We will hope so & do all in our power to aid.
Meanwhile what of the Herald, Mrs. Little-
don (our representative) received the im-
pression that Mrs. Underwood does not "set
so much store" by that as she might. Her
idea is to spend all the money for humane
literature to flood teachers' conferences &
to send in circular form, etc. Now this is all
very well; some of us having been doing it
for many years. We have distributed it all
the State Teachers' Association; even had
time given for some remarks, but all
that has been or could be sent or given out
has not commenced to do the good
that the Herald has accomplished in
its short life. Even this Whittell meet-
ing would never have been ^{but} for it. It needs
a headquarters, clearing house or what-
ever you like to call it. We can not
~~afford~~ to let it go down or even remain
four pages; it must be at least eight to
command attention.

They foolishly (I think) send around col-
lecting money for a special as you know.
Twenty dollars for one issue of no particular
importance. That would have put out

There, ^{issue} in the ordinary way & cuts
down the chance of getting funds
enough for insuring the eight
page issue for one year.

Now I do, ^{not} mean to criticize
my conscientious fellow workers,
& however, began this campaign
for the eight page Herald almost
with the New Year, and each
time returns seemed to hinge on
the M-convention.

Mrs. K. said it really seemed all
they were there for was to organize
a society in Montello, which they
succeeded in doing with a mem-
bership of twenty.

My writing this morning is so
awful that I will quit. But
I want your opinion on this sub-
ject and if you agree with

1915, Aug. 2
me, how much can you pledge
for the support of the 8 page
Herald? Kindly give me your
answer - just what you think
and can do.

Very sincerely

Helma C. Melville

708 Sommer Ave.

N. B. The Underwoods entertained
the whole "bunch" at their big
home out in the woods. Mr. Ben
was there but did not talk
much.

V. C. M.

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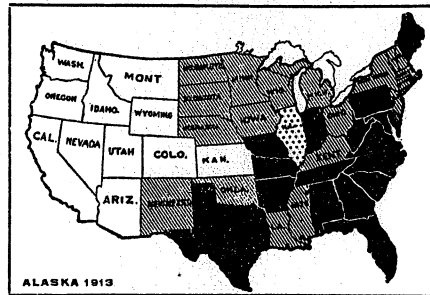
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Waukesha, Wis., Aug. 11, 1915.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Ada:

I am very glad that you can take on the Kilkourn date for Sep. 30th., now I am wondering whether you could take also the Baraboo date. It might be any time between the 21st and the 24th. The secretary is Mr S. A. Pelton. He says that he thinks it would be better to have the speech in a tent. I spoke there last year and it seems that I over laped the time somewhat, although I did not realize it, therefore they seem somewhat disposed not to place a speaker before the grand stand. I am sure that I did not go over the time more than long enough to finish the sentence I was giving.

He says that if we want the last place on the program he is willing that we should ^{speech} speak before the grand stand. He is perfectly willing to have a Suffrage ^{speech} you understand, and the Mrs Clara Runge, who lives in Baraboo will help you in every way.

I do hope you can take the Baraboo date and consult with Mrs Runge and Mr Pelton about which of the dates would suite them and you best. The Baraboo people received me very well last year. Mrs Haight is going out to do a good deal of speaking at the county fairs, and I think she will succeed, although, as yet, she has had very little experience in public speaking. I am very grateful to your father for being willing to take on nearby fair dates. If you cannot take the Baraboo speech perhaps u can. I am going to Wapaca on Saturday and will make the Camp Cleghorn speech on Sunday, then I go to Marshfield to speak at the fair on the morning of the 18th. Let me know about the Baraboo fair, won't you?

Ever yours with love,

*I leave this in the
19th or 20th.*

Alice B. Curtis

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August 13, 1915.

Miss Ada L. James,

Milwaukie, Wis.

My dear Miss James:-

We should be pleased to have you attend the Oregon State Convention of the Congressional Union September 7th and 8th. There will be ample time to go by boat or rail to the National Convention at San Francisco. Portland is ideal in September. The Columbia River and its valley, Mt. Hood, Crater Lake, and other points, surpass the wonders of Switzerland. To come west by way of Portland will prove a great pleasure, and your presence will help our work immeasurably. The success of this convention means very much to the work in the coming Congress.

Hoping to receive word that you are coming, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Virginia Arnold

AS



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August 14, 1915.

My dear Mrs. James,

We are sending to you under separate cover the Proceedings of the Fifth Biennial Convention of the National Women's Trade Union League, for we know that the action taken by the organized working women will be of great interest to you.

The best review of the Convention is to be found in the "New Republic" of July 3, entitled "Democracy at Work". Will you not let us know whether you have read it for, if not, we may be able to send you a copy.

We are also enclosing a copy of Mr. Frank Walsh's speech at the Lawson Protest Meeting held by the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago on Sunday, July 11, 1915.

The Convention voted that the dues of members at large of the Women's Trade Union League should again be one dollar a year. Will you not therefore join our membership? We are going to try to secure a thousand members during the coming year, for we feel that membership in the National Women's Trade Union League will bring you accurate information regarding the great industrial questions of the day, as well as bring to you the point of view of the laboring men and women. We will send a quarterly newsletter and as much other printed matter relating to these questions as possible.

If you have any friends living in any part of the United States where there is no local league may we not ask you to help us to get these one thousand members? Our local leagues are in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Springfield, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, St. Louis and the city committee at Los Angeles, as well as at Phoenix, Arizona. You will see what a wide area you have to choose from for members at large. We are very certain that we need you and don't you really think that you need us?

The new membership blanks will be sent to you as soon as they have come from the printer's. Anyone who joins now for one dollar will be entitled to membership until January 1917.

The platform of the National Women's Trade Union League is:

1. Organization of all workers into Trade Unions.
2. Equal pay for equal work.
3. Eight hour day.
4. A living wage.
5. Full citizenship for women.

With all possible good wishes and hoping soon to welcome you into the membership of the National Women's Trade Union League, we remain

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Oliver Robins

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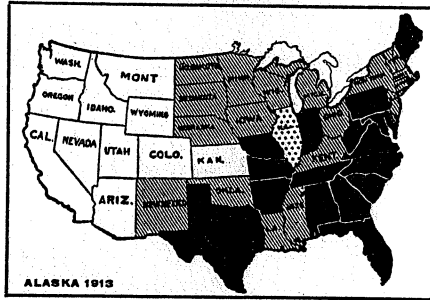
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Dear Adele, Am so glad you can take Baraboo -
 yes it will be better for you to write direct to
 Rev S. A. Pelton, Baraboo and to Mrs. Clara Runge -
 the president of the suffrage Assn. Then there will be
 a perfect understanding about date, time and place.
 Wish I could come to R. C. before going, but there
 has been too much to attend to. I must go to take
 care of my father who is very feeble. There is always
 so much to do - wherever I am - these things are as
 they are, you know. I finally had to take the Camp
 Cleghorn state. All went well until I was $\frac{3}{4}$ through
 with my talk then I collapsed - overcome by the heat.
 I have spent my vitality pretty freely for a long time
 so, of course, must pay, and my heart will give out
 sometimes. However I gave a brief speech at the
 evening meeting and another four speech at Marshfield
 to some 2000 people on the afternoon of the 18th. so I
 guess I'm still good for some exertion. They gave me

negro glycerine and things - but I'm awfully sorry I
didn't get to give the finish of that talk. However
they got about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour of it. It's a fine group of
people there - about 2000 were in the tabernacle I
think.

Am leaving for Iowa this evening. Good
bye and good luck.

Yours love ever

Alfred Curtis.



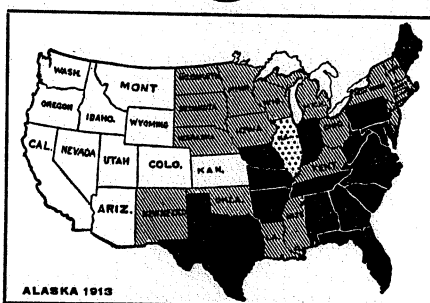
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8/21/15

Dear Ada James:-

I have a request from Mrs Louise Larson, Box 117, Viroqua, for a suffrage speaker at their county fair Sept 15-18. The map tells me that Richland Center is not far from there if one can go across country. Knowing you have a car, I am wondering if you can fill this date. I suppose the 16th or 17th would be the best days. I wrote Mrs Larson and Miss Kate Gooddell, president of the Vernon county suffrage league, that the expenses of the speaker should be paid. Please write direct to Mrs Larso and also to me, letting us know if you can go. If you can't go can your father or brother-in-law go? Any member of your family would be most acceptable.

Always with love,

Henry M. Youmans

NORTH BEACH
SHAWANO, WIS.

Aug. 22 - 1910

Dear Miss James

Was so glad to
hear from you. Have not
yet returned from the
country but expect to go
back about September first.

The only literature I have
pertaining to suffrage are
those pamphlets written
by Socialists and written

from the socialist view-point
entirely. All of them are
excellent - if you believe
in approaching the
subject - from that
standpoint - I will be
glad to send you them
if you can use them, even
for a base or foundation
for a new leaflet.

I succeeded in getting

Mae Wood seems to be of
assistance to Mrs. Gudden
in her pen work, i.e. I
asked Mrs. Gudden to
write Mrs. Simon who
promised her help. She is
a wonderfully strong woman
able worker and enthusiastic.

Also got Miss Lock of the
Jew's Settlement, Mrs. H. H. Jacobs
of the University Settlement, Miss
Collis & myself to become
a part of the new industrial
committee. We expect to

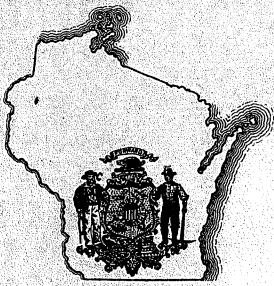
hold our first-meeting
in the fall after everybody
returns to the city.

I am glad to have the
fall come because I
like to work.

With best wishes to
you I am

Cordially yours

Mets Berger



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MADISON, WISCONSIN

JOHN S. DONALD,
Secretary of State.
L. B. NAGLER,
Asst. Secretary.

August 27th, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find blanks for report of expenses of legislative counsel or agent, which should be filed with this department not later than September 23rd.

Employers will report amounts paid to counsel or agents, while these will report their actual disbursements.

In case there have been no expenses an affidavit to this effect should be filed.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. DONALD,

Secretary of State.

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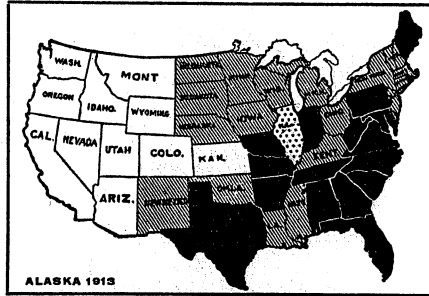
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August 28/15

Dear Board Member:-

Now that vacation time is drawing to a close, we must again prepare to put on the harness and get ready to pull the suffrage load up the Wisconsin hill. Please come to a board meeting at Headquarters in Waukesha, ~~Thursday~~ ^{Tuesday}, September 9, at ten o'clock a.m.

There is much to consider, much of interest, much of importance. You doubtless know of Miss Curtis' resignation and departure. We must prepare for the future conduct of affairs at Headquarters. We must plan for the annual convention, we must, it seems to me, absolutely MUST do something for the campaign states in the east. I feel so keenly our responsibility toward them and we have as yet done practically nothing at all. We must if possible arrange for conferences with our Congressmen before their return to Washington. And no doubt there will be other things of importance. COME IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN. It will be so pleasant to see you all again.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

Theodore N. Young

Date changed as that I may speak at Spring Green Fair.

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August 30, 1915.

Dearest Ada:

Crystal and I cannot either of us say just how much money we spent on the advertising in the newspapers at the time we three campaigned in Wisconsin. I mean the advertising just before the election which we almost broke our necks over and which Mrs. Norris paid for. Can you find any figures on the amount and can you also tell me how many newspapers we sent the advertising to. I should love to get a copy of the ad too.

I don't want to bother you to collect this information but can you tell me who would have the files and the figures from which I could make a collection of the facts.

As you can imagine, we are now rather busy in this part of the world with suffrage doings, and if I were not in one phase of the work I would be in another. Mrs. Whitehouse wanted me to take the position as Executive Secretary of the Parade Committee. The parade as you perhaps already know will take place on October 23rd. I am hoping there will be a section where husbands and wives can walk together because I want to walk with my Joe. Think of it he had the courage to march in the first suffrage parade in London and has marched in every parade in New York, so he is a worthy male to march with in parades or through life. You will like him Ida dear when you know him. I find him all that he should be to suit me. Crystal is looking for an apartment in the house where we are. They are all taken and unless we can dislodge someone it probably cannot be arranged. There are constant rumors which doubtless you hear too which make me feel sad but then I am sure they are not true. No one in New York is yet reconciled to Crystal's marriage. She was, I find, considered one of New York's finest and most big and lovely women at the time she was married and is still, and few people think Wallace a big enough man for her. I think people have to know him to find the best in him. He seems to wilfully give a poor impression.

I am sorry to have to dash off letters but it seems perfectly natural to have no time to personal letter, but only those connected with suffrage. But of course it doesn't matter to you, I know. If you can come to New York for the parade or any time this winter, we should love to have you come to us.

With much love as always

Hora

[1915] Sept. 1

SIX WAVERLY PLACE

Dear Miss James
The
gathering at River
Hill certainly was a great
success - interestingly
enthusiastically and
socially. I would not
have missed it - am
filling "yarns" I heard
there at luncheon

and dinners, my friends
begin to find me a well
bit interesting. Had many
want to meet Miss James,
of whom I quote, at our
next convention here.
Will let you know when
my paper comes to
me. When you are in
my town telephone the
house - Main 3993 - and if I
am home I want you
to come and see me.
We are going to Lake.

Geneva tomorrow
will return Tuesday -
Motor over & back
with my best wishes
to you and your
work,
I am

Cordially Yours
Annette V. Nicholas
Milwaukee - Wis.
September 1st.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 4th..1915.

Dear Sir:-

Your statement of expense
as legislative counsel or agent for

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during the 1915 session of the legislature
has been received and placed on file in
this department as required by section
4482e of the statutes.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. DONALD,

Secretary of State

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The Suffragist

Weekly Organ of the Congressional Union

Editor—Miss Lucy Burns
Art Editor—Mrs. Nina E. Allender

Davern Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

September 5th 1915

My dear Miss James,

Miss Alice Paul on her way to California stopped here to see me & ask me to act as chairman for a group of work women states - Wisconsin being away then. The work she wanted me to do was to try to get local state branches of the Congressional Union formed. She gave me your name & as I am anxious now to get this work started I am writing to you. Can you suggest people for me to write to - & will you help? I will go to Wisconsin at any time and to any place where a conference could be held.

I do not have to tell you the importance
of doing this now. It would be the best answer
that could be made ~~but~~ the outrageous
campaign that Dr. Shaw & the National
are carrying on against the Congressional
Union. Your Congressmen should be
seen before December by people who are
insisting upon the passage of the Susan B. Anthony
Amendment & not the Shapoh.

The fact that the Minnesota State Coll. &
the Congressional Union here are such good
friends, has embarrassed the National here &
makes them much less aggressive.

Will you not answer this & advise me how
to proceed?

As I have been appointed directly - by Miss
Paine to do this - no promises need be given in
attending such a conference - & I will make all
arrangements so that no names need be too
prominent.

I am - Yours sincerely
Sarah J. Collins
(Mrs. A. R. Collins.)

Hartford, Wis., September 6th 1915.

Miss Ada James
Richland Center
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James;

I must explain to you why your article did not appear in the August Herald and why it may not be printed for some time. It just suits me, as it tells the truth and in good strong English. For thirty years I have stood for ^{bi}prohibition and woman suffrage and shall continue to do so until the end of the story. But I am living and working in a County which is nearly all German and they of course are strong for "personal liberty". Most of the actual subscribers to the Herald are the members of our County Humane Society. We have over one hundred members. Now our officers are for strict regulation of the "~~beer~~",ⁱ but against prohibition. One of the best workers in our Society in fact one whose help is most important is a German Evangelical minister. I showed him your article and while he admitted it was the truth, and the ⁶forcible way in which it was expressed he objected strongly to it being published in the Herald. At least just at present ^{al}we are making a special effort for new subscribers and members. As our County board is ^{al}so strongly "personal liberty" men, he feared they would resent it, and we might fail in getting the contribution from the County for our work.

I realize the truth of his statements and as I am anxious for the success

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of our Society and as we prevent many ~~drinks~~ and help the victims of the traffic, we are lessening the evils of the saloon in our County more than by any other force. We can't have prohibition at least for some time to come. I feel that perhaps (considering the greatest good at least for the present) it is best not to make the Herald distinctly anti-saloon. You see we have twelve saloonkeepers in our City who are members of the Humane Society and they come our way. None of our officers including myself are patrons of the saloon. We insist that they obey their license contract. If they sell to or drunkards minors we get after them and saloon conditions have much improved here.

I am sure you will understand my position. I am for prohibition if I can have it, but I am glad to reduce the evils until the whole business can be wiped out.

I also agree with you about the present power which dominates at Madison, but you ^{know} the Governor is President of the Wisconsin Humane Society, (such as it is) and I do not think it best (if the Herald is to live) to antagonize him. You see I am "going broke" trying to keep the Herald alive and I struggle on with it because I know it helps to bring relief to many un-fortunante creatures who must other wise suffer. So although it may seem cowardly not to strike the saloons with all my might and directly, still under the circumstances I feel that I can do the best work by striking it indirectly through my efforts to make my readers a little kinder. I was informed by a member of the legislature that if some other man had introduced the bill for an appropriation it would have passed. So you see what a difficult situation it is. This work will evidently not receive the needed

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financial support until the state makes the appropriation. We will want to appeal to them again next session.

Oh, its a hard proposition this trying to improve our civilization. It is written, "Have no fellowship with evil," and again, "Make yourself friends with the ^{wingless} mammon of this world"--and there you are "Halting between two pigeons".

Now I believe you will under-stand my position and if you do not agree with me you will at least sympathize. I hope you will still consider the Herald worth while and unless you wish to send your article to some anti-saloon paper, (They should be glad to get it) leave it with me. For if as may sometime be the case I shall have to discontinue the publication of the little paper for lack of support, I will take pleasure in publishing you article as a last shot at the saloons and the hypocritical lawmakers., who will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven themselves or permit others to do so. This is a long letter to inflict on you, but I felt that I must explain. I feel quite sure that you will understand and excuse.

I was sorry not to meet you at Montello. Little could be done and yet it was a good beginning. We conceived the idea of a State Humane Education Society and selected some officers. I have not heard from any of them and thus far I fear nothing farther has been done. I had a letter from Mrs. Underwood urging the importance of perfecting the organization and suggesting meeting with the Milwaukee Society at its annual meeting. This would be fine if the Parent Society would co-operate. If you can spare the time I wish you would write to Mrs. Underwood on the subject. She is a great worker and a

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word of cheer from you would help her.

We are anxious to have a page devoted especially to humane education in the schools. Can you help us find some one who will assume the editorship of this page?---And please will you write something for the Herald, that will not so directly strike our Christian friends who must have their beer you know.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. M. Benson

P. S.

You will notice that in nearly every issue of the Herald I hit King Alcohol a little Tap. Perhaps this is no more effective than ^{the} fort of a blackbird to dive ^{away} after a hawk but it does ^{keep to} keep the hawk on the wing.

MB

mirrored to have been a name that it was not the name of the king.
yesterday & today. I believe this is no more effective than *1911*
and will be the same in the future. I believe this is no more effective than *1911*

How did you
like the Red-Horn?
I am glad to
share with Audubon
people with us,



Please return

**HOTEL
PFISTER**

MILWAUKEE, Wis. Sept. 11, 1915.

Miss Helen Haight, Bus. Mgr.,
The Wisconsin Citizen,
Waukesha, Wis.

My dear Miss Haight,

Beg to acknowledge yours of the 10th and thank you for the frank manner in which you have written us in regard to the situation. We also had heard of the criticism on account of your Association coming to a hotel instead of holding meetings in a public school. However, as the School Board had barred your Association from holding these meetings in the halls of the public schools, we thought we had solved your problem.

We are very glad to assure you at this time that we shall be pleased to have you make the Hotel Pfister your headquarters again on the same basis as last year. No charge whatsoever will be made for Registration, Committee or Meeting Rooms.

With kind regards, remain,

Very truly yours,

HOTEL PFISTER.

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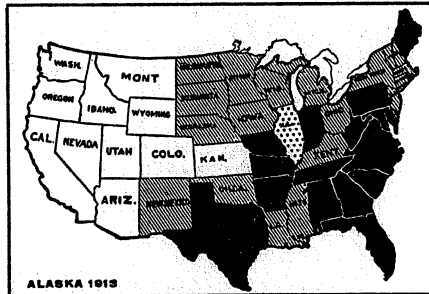
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9/13/15

Dear Ada James:-

I have just written Mrs Frank Thanhauser, president of the Milwaukee suffrage association, officially informing her that the annual convention will likely be held in Milwaukee. I also asked that the Milwaukee association appoint an arrangement committee to work with you in planning for the convention and expressed to her my opinion that it might not be a bad idea to have a Milwaukee woman on the program committee. If you have not already appointed a third member, don't you think a Milwaukee woman would be best under the circumstances?

Mrs Berger would be a good hand to draw in new interests. Nothing has happened about the New York situation.

Mrs Waters gave a good talk at the Spring Green fair. They expected you to preside at the meeting. We had a very pleasant time.

Affectionately always,

Thedora N. Jusman

Oaven Avenue
St. Paul
September 13th 1915-

My dear Miss James, This envelope
tells its own story - I am sending
it on to you with the letter inside
as I do not want to have to
write it all again. I sent to
Washington for the correct address.

I hope to hear from you
very soon - as time is passing
& we should have an organization
in discussion. We have such

a good one here - & the State
Association is behaving itself
so well & is so friendly.

It would be nice to bring about
such a condition in Wisconsin.

Yours very sincerely

Sarah J. Chan

Hartford, Wis.,

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My Dear Miss Jones

I was very glad to receive your
kind letter and to know that you at least
have patience with my short-comings,
As I grow older I find it easier to com-
promise & if I cannot get a loaf be glad
for a few crumbs. Talking prohibition
in this part of the state arouses antagonism
and an opposition which makes it almost
impossible to have any influence in the
Community. So since I have lived here I have
just talked continually and appealed to
the liquor dealers to help protect the helpless
Victims of their traffic and I am glad to
say that has been a helpful response.
We cannot have prohibition in our county
so I am glad to have a strict regulation of
the saloon - and this we are getting largely
through the influence of the Humane Society.

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I will make a copy of your article and return it to you. Prohibition papers should be tried to get it; and it should make splendid reading for them.

I am very glad you are resolved to stand by the Herald and to help me make it better, as long as a few of the humane friends stick by it. I will stick to the post; I had a fine letter from W. Ketchum praising the last issue and saying that he would try and interest the audience here in the support of the till paper. So I am somewhat encouraged. Making it 8 page makes more work and expense in distributing so we must try somehow to increase the subscription list. I wish a committee of those who appreciate the H. would prepare a circular letter to be sent to all those people in the State who are known to be interested in this work and make a personal appeal to them to subscribe for the H. - what do you think of this plan? I have written to Mrs. McCall making the same suggestion.

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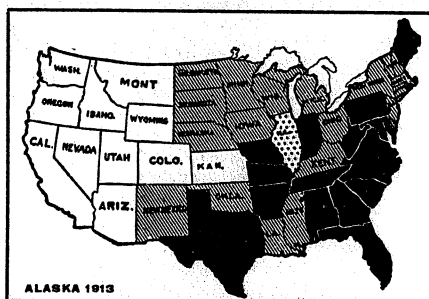
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Dear Ada James:-

It now seems probable that both Mrs Haight and I will go to New York for a month of campaigning. A wire from Mrs Catt asks me to report in Rochester on Sept. 20, but as I have made no preparations at all, I have asked for a weeks delay. I wrote her immediately after the board meeting and had no response until last night.

It looks as if it would be up to you to manage the convention in conjunction with the Milwaukee women. Writing Mrs Brown the other day I suggested that it might be a good idea to hold the convention in Racine. In response she said that it would hardly be practicable but that she would speak to the president of the society about it. Unless we hear from Racine before I go we will understand that the convention will be held in Milwaukee. Am enclosing a letter from the manager of the Pfister hotel in regard to the use of the rooms there. I know Mrs Berger would prefer that the meetings be held elsewhere. She said so positively that the working girls would not attend meetings at the Pfister.

I plan to leave about the 25th of this month and Helen will go a week later. I will prepare some copy for the Citizen before I leave and she will get the paper out before she goes. We want everything we can possibly get for about the convention for this issue and I think we shall call it the September and October number.

Affectionately as ever,

Hedra M. Young

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227-7th Ave., Baraboo, Wis., 918-15.
Miss Ada James,

383 Hazeltine St., Richland Centre, Wisc.

My Dear Miss James, -

Mrs Runge wishes me to take over the matter of your speaking at the Fair as she is very busy preparing her children for school and daughter for the universities and also desires that I explain the delay. She Mrs. Runge has just returned from a trip in the West and thus received both of your letters at the same time.

I interviewed Mr. Cutton and learned that there were objections to speaking from the Grandstand but none to speaking elsewhere where it did not cause a congestion of the highway and also that there would be no limit to time there. Probably an automobile would serve.

I understand you are to come the same as Miss Curtis did last year, Expenses paid by

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taking collection at the Fair.

Mr. Pelton said further that it was immaterial as to the day but that that Thursday afternoon would be probably be best as that is generally the big day of the Fair.

We will meet you at the depot if you come by rail or at the Wellington Hotel at whatever time you set.

Respectfully Yours,
Eusebius Platt

[1915] Sept. 20

Dear Ada: -

I'll read the play &
send it on to Mrs. Sherry.

I enclose Mrs.
Snowdon's letter. Don't you
think we should make a
big effort to have her? - We
may just as well face the
fact that we've got to have
some big interest, or no one but

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Supplicants will come to the
meetings. The fare and berth one
way is \$33.00 you know - I think
the hundred very reasonable. -
I await your work about
Madame Schwinmer a second
time - as a present from the
Milwaukee group if they will do
it, instead of their entertaining
any delegates. What do you
think? - I have written for
Madame Schwinmer's terms.

Professor Guethlin will not
only be at the Cruise for the
Federation Convention, but is

to speak at the Teacher's
Convention in Milwaukee
November 6. - So if we could
have there two women, so
much the better - we paying
for Mrs. Lusk, & Milwaukee
for Madame Schreiner? - Ask
them to hold their big mass
meeting there, in the Cat of
some where, & hire the speaker. -
(Take a collection if they want
to?)

Let me know at once
please what you think. I am
sending a note to Mrs.
Youmans too, as the time is

so shot before her leaving. -

Love to you! -

Joe

Sept 20th.

Mrs. Sherry is 353

Summit Avenue -

Milwaukee.

P.S.

May I have Mrs.

Suskon's letter back?

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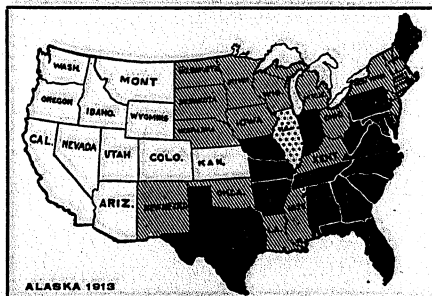
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9/22/15

Dear Miss Gale -

If we have a great big speaker at a big price I certainly think the convention should be held in Milwaukee. I do not know that there is any chance of its being held elsewhere. Mrs Brown wrote that there was little chance of its being held in Racine. Mrs Hooper suggested that we ask the Green Bay people about having it there. I will leave the matter largely in your hands to be worked out as seems best to you. Miss Bain will represent headquarters during our absence and as you know, she is level headed and devoted. You may write her at Kenosha. She has decided that it is not practicable to come to Waukesha for a limited part of the time and all mail will be forwarded to her from here, also we are sending her such data from the office as she may need.

I admire Mrs Snowdon tremendously and of course she would be a great drawing card but I think the price prohibitive unless we could secure it from some source outside the treasury. Milwaukee wpen have done splendidly this year. Pledged \$1,000 and nearly all of it paid. Miss Baer told me on Monday that she expected to have every cent collected before the convention. I don't think we can ask the Milwaukee women to raise the money for Mrs Snowdon. Perhaps individuals would do it. Mrs Morris is always cordial in responding to special appeals of this kind. Madame Schwimmer is certainly a brilliant and effective speaker and I agree with you that we should have people who are more than suffragists to make a broad appeal.

Returning again to the Milwaukee group. I have not had a word from Mrs Thanhauser in answer to my communication telling her that the convention was likely to be held in Milwaukee. I am afraid she will need considerable inspiration from the outside to do much for the convention.

Is it not possible that some of the noatbles who are in the east will be in this part of the country after the election? I might be able to get hold of somebody who would be an attraction. Mrs David McCann, who was formerly Mrs Yenowine of Milwaukee, is now in New York and might be coming through Wisconsin on her return. She may not be a speaker, I do not know about, that but she occupies an important position and would be a drawing card.

1915, Sept. 22

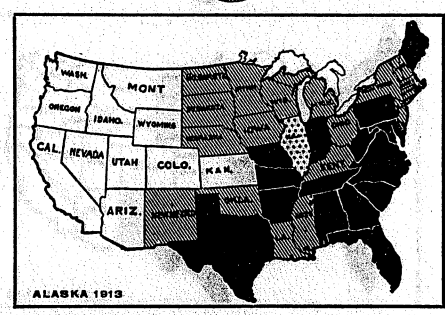
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On the understanding that we should try to send some workers into Iowa next spring, Miss Bain wishes to ask an Iowa woman to come to the convention and present her case. This looks extremely good to me. I told Miss Bain to write Miss James about it.

There are so many possibilities ahead that I am not in condition to give a definite opinion as to what is best. I know the committee and Miss Bain will work things out satisfactorily and you can always write me of any tentative plans. The financial side must be considered. It remains as you know, decidedly serious. Am grateful that your pledge will be paid before the convention.

Arrange

Yes the Glenn resolutions should be sent to the papers. Thank you for the suggestion. The Citizen for September and October will be issued next week and all copy for it must be sent in this week. I will look after a part of it and Mrs Haight will complete arrangements before she leaves. No paper will be issued in November so we want everything possible and every possibility for this issue, especially all the convention matter we can get.

Affectionately as ever,

Henry M. Young

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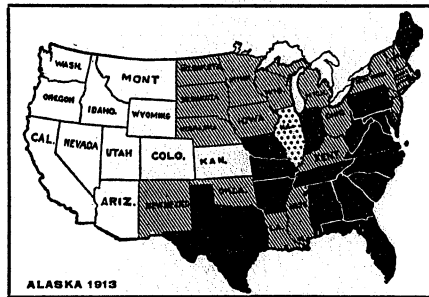
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Dear Ada James:-

Miss Bain is to represent headquarters during our absence and will be glad to advise with you on everything relating to the convention. She will not come to Waukesha as planned at the board meeting but all mail will be forwarded to her and we will send her such data from the office as she may need. With your committee and Miss Bain I am sure you will manage the convention as well as it could be managed. May I suggest that you always keep the treasury in mind? We do not want to give Miss Robinson heart failure.

I have forgotten one thing which I intended to bring up at the board meeting. Last year we spoke of having the next convention a delegated body. What do you think about this? My own judgement is that the advantages of having regularly appointed delegates are not likely to overbalance the trouble of securing these delegates. Why not let every person who will wear the badge as a suffragist have a vote? This really reduces the convention to a series of mass meetings. Personally I do not object to having them of that character but do as you think best.

Let us know about your Boston trip. We want it for the Citizen and for our own comfort of mind. Are you going to do campaign work?

Affectionately as ever,

Henry M. Young

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My dear Miss James, I have written to Mrs. Strooper & suggested that we get together & talk over plans. Can we not meet somewhere with you? I would go to Richland Center or any other place that you suggest. The Congressional Union should have a branch in Wisconsin with a chairman & organizers.

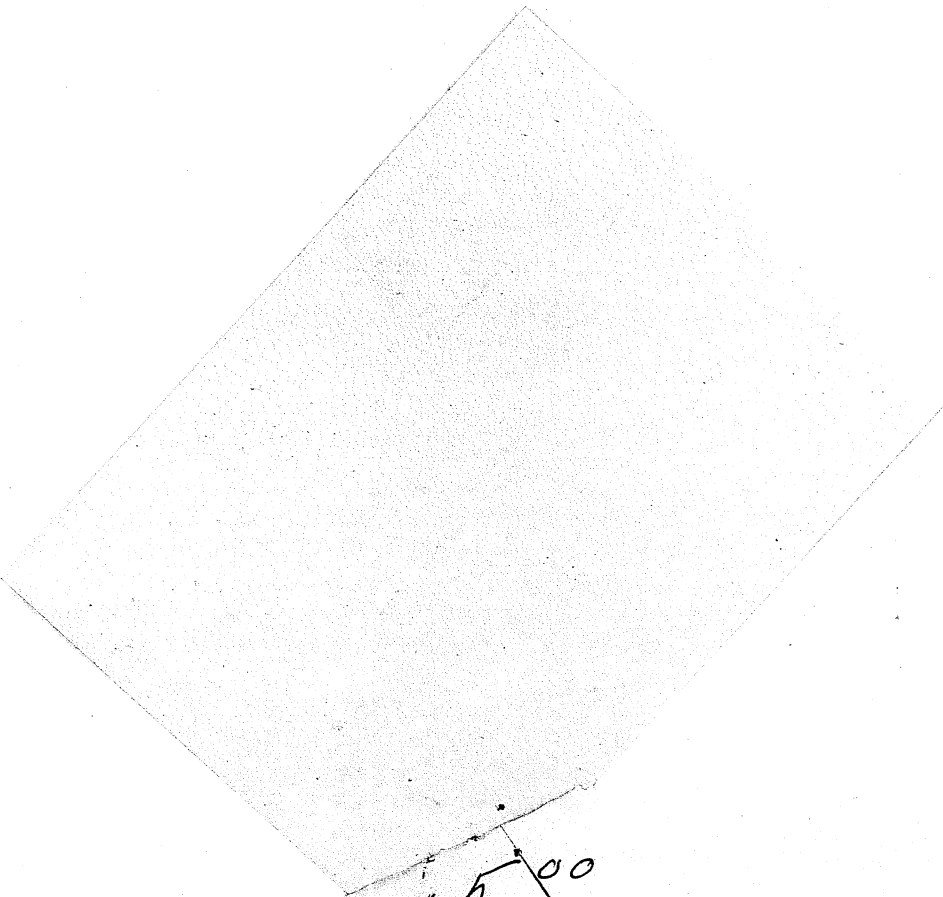
Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours sincerely

Sarah J. Brown.

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Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association

By E. P. Robinson
Treasurer

Sept. 24/15



Cottage

My Dear Miss James,

Through our mutual friend Mrs. Helen Haigh I learn that there is a probability of our coming annual suffrage meeting being held in Milwaukee, also the possibility of your committee on Program desiring at that time to give a suffrage play, if so would you consider

placing the production
of same in my hands.
With my splendid corps
of Little Theatre Players
I am sure we could
make it a tremendous
success, and on a
50% basis. If you
will let me know when
you will be in town
next, I will be glad to
make arrangements
to meet you and talk
the matter over.

I cannot tell you

how glad I am that the
good work is going on - and
on with no stopping until
the goal is won. Try and
arrange the meeting at the
luncheon hour and give me
the pleasure of yourself as guest.
Yours most sincerely
and for the cause.

Edith Adams Stewart

Address

Blue Bird Cottage, Wauwatosa, Wis.

ARCHBISHOP SAYS THEY MAKE GOOD

New Zealand Clergyman in
Catholic Paper Gives Experi-
ence of Twenty-three Years

Most Rev. Thomas O'Shea, Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, who arrived in New York City this month, gave a very strong endorsement of woman suffrage and its results in his country, when interviewed by a reporter from the Brooklyn Tablet, a Catholic newspaper, recently. "Woman suffrage has been in operation in New Zealand for twenty-three years," said Archbishop O'Shea, "and every one of those twenty-three years has been marked by progress towards better government and better living conditions."

"Were you acquainted with conditions in New Zealand before woman suffrage was granted?" he was asked.

"Yes," the Archbishop replied. "I have been living in New Zealand for nigh on to forty-five years. We always had very good living conditions, but I can say from experience that the votes of the women of New Zealand have done much to make them better."

"For instance, women were in the forefront in bringing about arbitration of strikes, child labor abolition, regulated hours for workers and other reforms that have improved the conditions of the work."

The men of New Zealand simply decided that to their own advantage they would add that of the women folk. The women were willing to undertake the duties as well as the rights, and they accepted

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Miss Ada L. James
Richland Center

My dear Miss James :-

Enclosed herewith please find receipt for your remittance of five dollars as a contribution to the campaign states . You will note that the receipt states for "New Jersey " while you stated in your letter for "New York" - I was instructed by Mrs Yeumans to send 100.00 to each of the associations in New Jersey, which I did at once according to the statement submitted below . With kind regards , I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Receipts.

Miss Gale	10.00
Mrs Patchin	2.00
Mrs Gudden	5.00
Miss Lovejoy	20.00
Mrs Hobbs	5.00
Mrs Geo P. Miller	50.00
Miss I. Miller	100.00
Kenosha E.S.L.	3.00
Miss James	5.00
\$	200.00

Disbursements.

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