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# WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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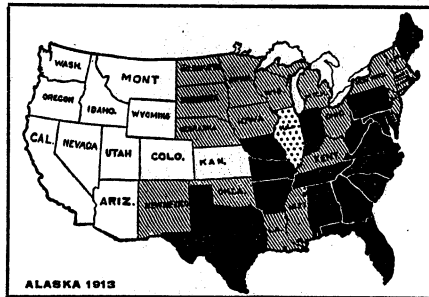
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WHITE STATES: FULL SUFFRAGE  
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May 15/15

Dear Ada James:-

Thank you for Judge McCorkle's bill. I am greatly interested in it and I am also glad some one is getting a line on this particular kind of legislation.

I have written Miss Bain that I do not think it wise to have the congressional conference in Wisconsin in June. I hope she will agree.

Always affectionately yours,

*Theodore W. Youmans*

Please  
return.

98 High St.

Asheville

Jan. 2, 1913.

My Dear Miss James.

Mrs. Gadden and I  
reached home early Sat.  
evg but tired. I have  
been busy since. Monday  
evening we had a  
supper business meet-  
ing. To appoint delegates  
to the convention in  
Madison if there is to be  
one. I am quite sure  
several will go down -  
as many as five. Mrs.  
Gadden explained the  
purpose of this convention  
and the hope of the two  
organizations coming together

and also pointed out some  
of the difficulties in the  
way.

An express from those  
present was taken, and  
all present were in  
favor of the amendment  
being brought before the  
legislature this year.

They could not see  
how we could do effect  
ive work without county  
organizations and paid  
workers. They wished me  
to write this expressing  
to you.

We planned for a  
Food Sale to raise  
money to pay off our

debt. It is not very much  
but it must be paid.

I want to go to Chicago  
some time during this  
month and I hope it  
will be the week following  
the Madison Envoist.

I do not know that you  
heard me say Saturday  
morning, if we could  
not come here with the  
State Assn. Would it not  
be best for us to give them  
and then pack the Envoist.  
and get some results.

Before this reaches you,  
I may have your report  
of your interview with

Mrs Brown. I should  
have said in Milwaukee  
to learn this, had Mrs.  
Gudden not been so  
anxious to go home. It  
is difficult for her to  
get about and she did  
not feel like writing  
in the station

She says me up this  
morning to learn if I  
had heard from you.

With best wishes to you  
and your father for the  
New Year from my  
sisters and myself  
Affectionately  
Sarah James.

January 1 - 1913.

Dear Ade -

Happy New Year!

This is my first effort  
at letter writing this year.

First I want to thank  
you for that exquisite little  
picture you sent me for  
Christmas, and the dear letter  
which came with it. I did  
not go to Aableside but I  
love the serenity and beauty  
of the scene just the same. We  
will have it framed some day  
when we are together for I  
like my pictures out where I

can see them whenever I feel so disposed.  
I hope you received the little glass case  
all right. As I was not able to get out to  
do things, I had to depend on my needle  
work - much of which I did lying down.

Thank you for sending us those papers.  
No doubt you have received them back before  
this. Dr. Cooke registered them for fear they  
might get lost. We all liked your article  
in the Journal this week. Your disposal of  
the article at Madison was clever. Dr. Cooke  
took it down to the editor here and he is  
going to print it next week with editorial  
comment.

We did not realize until the Journal  
came this week, that Miss Stearns was Pres.  
of the W. W. S. A. That was a pretty clever  
move of the old association. I didn't think  
Olympia would ever give up. I do not think  
it would ever do to have Miss Stearns  
for pres. of the new society - if you succeed  
in getting me started at Madison. I hope  
you will push Dr. Cooke. I think you  
can get her to take it. She expects to be  
at the meeting and possibly one or two more  
from her. I do hope you can get representa-  
tives from over the state down there.

It is perfectly absurd for Miss Stearns  
to say that we must not mention our  
enemy - the L. dealers. I do think we  
shall have to be careful not to confuse



the issue with prohibition, but  
the gauntlet is down now and  
there is nothing for us to do but  
recognize the fact. Miss Stearns  
never has worked for suffrage and  
I really do not see why we should  
expect her to do so in the future. I  
have no faith in her.

I expect to leave here Monday. Dr. Cooke  
is going to Chicago so I shall have  
company that far. I shall get home  
Tuesday. I would come to see you  
before leaving the state if every  
effort did not exhaust me so. I  
cannot even talk to people without  
getting tired out. I am planning to  
come up in the spring and you will  
certainly get a visit from me then  
if you still want it.

With much love  
Harriet.

Milton Let Wise

1-4/13

My Dear Miss James

I presume we will know next week the decision of "Unity with the A. W. S. A. I received a notice of and request to be present at their meeting in Milwaukee today, and if unable to do so, to write my views which I did, according to my very best judgment; believing it to be a very important subject for consideration and decision I wrote that it unquestionably was a progressive step, and a great opportunity to advance the cause of Equal Suffrage in Wisconsin: that with the power of the opposing forces Every Society should be in united effort, and every person available added to it. That I believed Gods call was in it for them & while it might be like "breaking home ties" to some of them. Who knoweth

[1913 Jan. 4]  
Whether thou art come to  
the Kingdom for such a  
time as this, you may  
learn their decision before  
I do: If so, please write me  
I am planning to be in Modi-  
con the 23rd inst. unless  
other calls now pending are  
to be filled at that time.

Every yours in  
Heartly Co-operation  
M. J. Townsend

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98 High St.

Oshtosh

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Dear Miss James.

I wish to express  
my sympathy in your loss  
of the dear little niece.

Your letter came Saturday  
and I read it over the  
same to Mrs. Hooper. Mrs.  
Hooper is not at all well.  
She is so over come over the  
death of her father that she  
cannot rally and is going  
to Texas for a time. She  
left this morning.

Mrs. Hooper seems to think  
if we go into convention the  
majority will rule. It

seems to me like this, though  
she did not state it clearly,-  
Should we join the League  
and the Majority will favor  
our League, in favor of the  
new methods, would we  
not carry the day.

My way of stating it -  
would be to join the W. H. S. A.  
and pack the convention  
and carry the day. We  
would be sure of them.

I am thoroughly convinced  
we should make a  
clear statement to the  
public of the situation.  
The same Mrs. Jeannet  
has done, cannot be re-  
frained. She is a spy,  
"game shoe" writer,

My husband will write you to morrow.  
I am sending you letters to Miss Smart.

and her word and her  
honesty cannot be depend-  
ed upon. She made us  
all the trouble she could  
in our league and tried  
to break it up. She has  
lived in Ashkosh only a  
few years, and not very well  
known and less favorably  
all the time. Well, I  
suffice there.

I will recommend  
your suggestions and a  
convention of the N.W.S.A.  
will not, at Madison,  
also I recommend bring-  
ing the measure before  
the Legislature again  
this Spring. I write you  
this before. Very truly.

Sarah S. James.

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., January 7 193

Dear Crystal,

Although Miss Stearns letter is dated January 4th, I did not receive it until half past nine last night. It came by special delivery so I am inclined to think she forgot it. Any way I am getting out copies on the next mail. I have not the addresses of all the Milwaukee members so I am sending their copies to you will you please see that they receive a copy and then won't you call a meeting and let me know as soon as possible what they think it is best to do about it.

Now here is what I think, which ought to be more or less confidential. I do not think Mrs. Brown desires union regardless of what she says, she thinks it is a popular demand and she desires it to appear that we are not willing to unite. I am inclined to think it would be fun to accept their terms and unite and then we could easily control the next convention. What do you think about it? Mrs. Brown does not think we will accept their terms. Have a meeting as soon as possible and let me know the verdict. What shall we do about the convention?

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Stewart thinking possibly you can get copies of our letters at the office, I think they are in one of the drawers or the file.

I filled those orders for literature you sent me.

You did not say what you thought of my proposal to cancel the thirty-seven dollars due me.

I wish you were up here and we could have a heart to heart talk. I had a letter from Miss Shaw and she thinks we ought to introduce a bill in this legislature.

Well I must get letters off to Mrs. Youmans and Miss James I will also write to Mrs. Morris, but will leave Mrs. Lyman and the others to you.

With much love

# Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association

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Jan 4, 1913

Miss Ada L. James,  
President Political Equality League,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

A special meeting of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association was held in Milwaukee January 4, 1913, to consider the proposition made by your Executive Board on Saturday, December 28, relative to a union of the organizations.

We have carefully considered the conditions under which you propose to unite and our reply is as follows:



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The Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association favors a union organization. The sentiment is strongly for it in the vote by correspondence and as expressed at the meeting. To bring this about, the Association will revise its constitution and will give equal representation on its Board of Officers and Directors to the Political Equality League. The office of President, at the present President's request, will be declared vacant and will be filled by a joint ballot, the Political Equality

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League to select the treasurer in place of Miss Willis, an auditor, recording secretary, and member of the Board of Directors—the office of First Vice-President now being filled by Miss Zona Gale, a member of both organizations. Owing to her thirty years' service for suffrage, the office of Honorary President, recently conferred upon Mrs. Olympia Brown upon her retirement from the office of President, is to remain for the Association. Lutie E. Stearns,

Madison, Wisconsin.

1-13-13

My dear Miss James,

The communication of your Executive Board is received. I regret to state that the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association declines to dissolve as suggested. This decision was made prior to my presidency and is irrevocable at the present time.

Sincerely regretting our inability to unite,

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Lottie E. Stearns

Pres. Wis. Woman's Suffrage Ass'n

Presbyterian Church

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN

MINISTER

839 MILTON AVENUE

Janesville, Wis. July 7<sup>th</sup> 1913

My dear Miss James.

What about the Convention in January - the joint meeting of the P.E.L. & the N.W.S.A. ? We have rec'd no notice of the date of the meeting & July is passing. This County wants to be there & know what is doing. Our delegates are anxious to know more about it soon.

Very sincerely yours  
Miss J. W. Laughlin

Madison 11-7-'13

Dear Adair

I have only time for a  
word -

Perhaps your time was  
too much for postal traffic -  
or did you get my line in  
which I asked if you know  
where the rest of my photo  
is? I let you have it  
last summer or fall: do  
you not remember coming  
6-50¢ to get it?

It was an extra good

cut, even if the picture from which  
it was made was not flat.  
tering -

I go to Milwaukee Jan. 13,  
and on the 15<sup>th</sup> I start from  
there to Wash., D.C.

I do not know the result of  
the suffrage meeting you called  
in Milwaukee -

Wish I could be here when  
the conference takes place, but  
that cannot be -

I am anticipating being in  
Washington at the Inaugural, and  
especially for the suffrage demon-  
stration -

If you can send me  
word by Sat. the 11<sup>th</sup> send to  
139 W. Gilman St.

If not send to 1524-17<sup>th</sup>  
Street N.W. Washington D.C.

Yours ever  
Henrietta C. Swann

D.  
Copy

POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE WIS. Jan. 12, 1913

To the officers and members of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Ass'n:

Dear Fellow Suffragists,

On Saturday, Jan. 11, 1913 a meeting of the Board of the Political Equality League was held in Milwaukee to consider the proposal for union outlined in your letter of Jan. 4 to our President, Miss Ada James. The following conclusions were reached unanimously by the members of the Board present.

We appreciate the spirit of fairness manifested in your suggestion that the two existing societies be equally represented on the Board of the future organization, but we believe that no real union would be accomplished in this way, since the action of this new Board would be continually hampered by the thought in each members mind that she must be loyal to the organization that elected her to office.

We understand and sympathize with your desire to preserve the identity and continuity of your organization in honor of its splendid traditions, and we are therefore willing, as stated before, to have a tacit understanding among us that the new organization shall adopt the name, "WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION". For the same consideration we are glad to have a similar tacit understanding in regard to your retiring President, the Rev. Olympia Brown being made Honary President of the new organization.

These you will realize are important concessions on the part of the P.E.L. which we are glad to make to your older society, without asking any equivalent concessions from you. But it is our unanimous judgment that a formal dissolution of both societies is absolutely essential to the harmonious and effective work of the future organization

Our final proposition for union, therefore is this:-

The W.W.S.A. and the P.E.L. shall formally dissolve. A mass meeting shall then be held to which all suffragists in the State shall be welcome, for the purpose of forming a new State Suffrage organization. The constitution of the new organization, the election of officers, and all questions of future policy and method shall be left in the hands of this body. Every person taking part shall have one vote, and shall act as a citizen of Wisconsin interested in Woman Suffrage, not as a member or delegate of any organization. The only limitation upon the action of this body shall be the tacit understanding that neither Mrs. Brown nor Miss Willis nor Miss James nor Mrs. Benedict shall be active officers, that Mrs. Brown shall be elected Honary President, and that the name of the organization shall be "THE WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION"

With the earnest hope that you will agree with us as to the wisdom of this plan, and that we may work together harmoniously for suffrage, we are

Very Sincerely Yours

Of the  
Executive Board of the  
Political Equality League

Ada L. James  
Mary G. Upham  
Elisabeth C. Peckham  
Ella C. Inbush  
Theodora M. Youmans  
Myrtle Baer  
Mildred L. Thanhouser

Crystal Eastman Benedict  
Acting Secretary

Richland Center, Wis.  
January 1, 1913

Dear Miss Shaw;-

Anticipating the "hundreds of questions" you say you would like to ask me, here are the answers at least to some of them.

I am also enclosing copies of some of the letters that have passed between the W.W.S.A. and us since last I wrote to you.

Mrs. Brown through the Citizen and other channels has continually bewailed the fact that there were two organizations which as she said were "duplicating the work and doubling the expense." Letters were received by us from people who knew nothing of the histories of the two organizations, urging us to unite.

November 7th Mrs. Benedict and I sent Mrs. Brown the enclosed letter (this was two days after election and three days before the W.W.S.A. convention) I told Crystal I was sure she would not bring our letter before the convention. In order to let the people generally know we had this letter we ran off on the mimeograph copies which we sent to all the chairmen and W.W.S.A. officers.

November 10th I received the enclosed reply from Mrs. Brown refusing to present our letter. (Mrs. Chynoweth of Madison said all she said in the letter to which Mrs. Brown refers was that she hoped there might be one organization in the State.)

The women who went to the W.W.S.A. convention (I was told there were 38 at the convention) brought our letter to Mrs. Brown before the convention. Mrs. Brown was very angry and said that Mrs. Benedict and I were tricky, and that we were planning to get a high salary for Mrs. Benedict. Well our letter proved a bomb in the convention. Mrs. Brown resigned and Miss Stearns was elected president. (Miss Stearns was not present and really knows very little of the situation)

Nov. 13th I received the letter (see enclosed copy) inviting us to unite with them accepting their name, officers and constitution.

Instead of replying to this letter I went to Madison and proposed to Miss Stearns that we call a convention of all the suffragists in the State, including the College League and the Men's League, and that all the presidents be asked to sign the call. At this convention we would adopt name constitution and officers, as far as the name was concerned I felt sure all would be readily willing to accept the name



Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association, however to make it representative we must elect new officers and virtually make it a new organization under the old name and charter. Miss Stearns fell in with this plan, but evidently had a talk with Mrs. Brown later, for she wrote that she did not think it was best to have reports from our county organizations, or in fact to have any reports or suggestions, she was elected upon a platform that did not stand for salaried workers etc. It was apparent that Mrs. Brown was not willing our organization should report on work we had done or make recommendations for the future. There plan was to have speakers from abroad tell why we ought to have the ballot. I knew our Board would not agree to any such convention, we are tired to death of the arguments for suffrage what we want to know is how we are going to get it.

As soon as Mrs. Benedict returned we sent out a call for a State Board meeting, which was held in Milwaukee last Saturday.

Our Board meeting was held in the morning and Miss Stearns had telegraphed me to meet her there in the afternoon.

Our Board voted unananimously to form one organization under the following conditions:-

Discontinuation of W.W.S.A. and P.F.I.

Form new organization under name of W.W.S.A .

Neither Miss James, nor Mrs. Benedict, nor Mrs. Brown, nor Miss Willis to hold office, in the new organization.

That our National President be urged to attend the coming convention and confer with us.

That the convention consider business methods and be not inspirational only.

That County Organizations be recognized and permitted to report.

We also wish to have it known we stand for paid workers and automobile campaigns.

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In the afternoon Mrs. Thanouser and I met Miss Stearns and laid these conditions before her. Miss Stearns asked if they would be allowed as many delegates and we thought delegates must be apportioned according to members. We agreed to one delegate to every 20 members.

Miss Stearns says while she will agree to these conditions personally and do all she can to bring about the union, she will have to bring it before their Board. She said she could do this and let me

know very soon so I remained over Sunday. Sunday night she phoned me that Miss Willis was in New York and could not return before Saturday. so she could not let us know what their decision would be. However she said she was not at all optimistic, she said she did not believe they would go into a convention and let these questions come to a vote she said "Miss James, can't you see that the larger society would literally swallow up the W.W.S.A.?" I replied "Miss Stearns it is simply agreeing to abide by the will of the majority, we are willing to take the name of the older society and leave the rest to a vote of the delegates, and if the W.W.S.A. refuses it is because they are undemocratic, insisting on a minority rule.

If they refuse these terms our plan is to call a State Convention, tell why we can not unite, and then forge ahead.

We are undecided what to do about introducing a bill this winter, personally I am anxious to do so. There seems to be no doubt but that it will go through.

The most essential thing is to get a strong legal committee that will prosecute violations of the law and we also need to employ detectives election day. There was crooked work done in Wisconsin at the polls.

What would you advise concerning introducing a bill?

Will it be possible for you to attend our convention if we hold it January 22 and 23? I think it is important that you should know our women and that they should know you. Whatever feeling there is against us and against the National, ought to come out now.

There is much more I should like to tell you, but this is enough for the present.

With best wishes for the coming year

Milwaukee, January 4, 1913

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Miss Ada L. James,  
President Political Equality League,  
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The Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association favors a union organization. The sentiment is strong for it in the vote by correspondence and as expressed at the meeting. To bring this about, the Association will revise its constitution and will give equal representation on its Board of Officers and Directors to the Political Equality League. The office of President, at the present President's request, will be declared vacant and will be filled by a joint ballot, the Political Equality League to select the treasurer in place of Miss Willis, an auditor, recording secretary, and member of the Board of Directors- the office of First Vice-President now being filled by Miss Zona Gale, a member of both organizations. Owing to her thirty years' service for suffrage, the office of Honorary President, recently conferred upon Mrs. Olympia Brown upon her retirement from the office of President, is to remain.

For the Association

(signed) Lutie E. Stearns

President

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January 10, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James,

I thank you for your letter of the 6th inst. and am most grateful for your attitude in the matter.

Personally, I feel as you do, that all of our organizations should unite without any "conditions" ~~but~~ I assure you it was no easy task, last Saturday, to bring some of our members around to the point of the concessions that were made, which were the most that I could get, and which are really very different from what were proposed, as you will notice, in the first reply made by our organization. I did not see Miss <sup>e/</sup>Hide, as she informed Miss Willis that her organization preferred to work its own way and did not care to unite with any other. It is so small and really has so little influence that I think we had better simply leave the matter as it is for the present--perhaps they will wish to come in voluntarily later.

I shall be interested in the replies

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Miss James, p 2.

from your Board members. It is so late now that I am wondering if it would not be better to set a definite time, say the first week in February, for the proposed meeting, thus giving us time in which to work up the meeting--to advertise it in the State, etc. The Legislature has not yet gotten down to business and if we wish to get their attention for other reasons, I think the first week in February would be the better date, though, of course, if you think that we could push it through for January 22d-23d, I should be willing so to do.

*Madison*  
 The College Suffrage League had its meeting day before yesterday and were anxious to know prior to that time as to whether to proceed with the plans for the union *dinner*. I, of course, could not assure them as to it, as I did not know what action your organization might take relative to the proposed union. The Dane County League also had a meeting this week, prior to which they asked me concerning the possibility of the meeting on January 22d and 23d, and I told them I could not tell until I had heard from your organization.

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Miss James, p 3.

Both of these organizations would have to hold special meetings within a short time should we have our meeting on the 22d and 23d, and so I am wondering if it would not be better, perhaps, to have the proposed meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5th and 6th.<sup>b</sup>

Very truly yours,

*Lutie E. Stearns*  
Chief, Traveling Library Dept.

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January 7, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
 Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James,

I mailed you from Milwaukee this morning the conclusions reached at our meeting last Saturday.

This meeting was held from 11 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. It was extremely amicable and conciliatory. Many concessions were made on the part of those who wished to adhere to the old regime. Personally, I regret extremely that there should have been any conditions laid down from the outset, as I have found them extremely hard to meet. I have done the very best that I could with our organization to try to effect the proposed union. Neither Miss Willis nor Mrs. Brown was at our meeting, as Mrs. Brown is spending the winter in New York State, and Miss Willis could not return in time to attend, but I gave Miss Willis an account of the entire meeting before forwarding it to you, to which she has subscribed.

The plan of having a meeting of the Association rather than simply the Executive Board worked well with us and I am hoping that you will bring our letter before your League as a whole, or as many as you can reach through correspondence, as I think you will find a strong sentiment in favor of uniting, and also in favor of making concessions if need be. We got our people together within a week, and also secured valuable opinions through correspondence, and I am hoping you will be able to hurry the matter along with your organization, so that we may know where we are "at", and may proceed to business. You know it was six weeks after our letter was sent your organization, in response to your first letter, before we had a reply.

We shall, therefore, greatly appreciate the favor of an early response.

Most Cordially yours

*Lutie E. Stearns*

*Please return!*

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., ~~January 8~~ January 8 1913

My dear Miss Stearns:-

Your letter of the 4th did not reach me until 9:30 the night of the 6th although it was sent special delivery.

I immediately sent copies to the board members, and asked them to send me a reply as soon as possible.

I was quite surprised when you said it was six weeks after your letter was received before you received a reply, I considered the talk we had at Madison a reply. I supposed in fact that when we decided to call a joint convention, the details would be determined at this convention, that is as to officers, paid workers etc. But when you wrote later saying that you were elected on such and such a platform I concluded you did not so understand it. I said at Madison you remember that I knew there would be no question but that the League would agree to a adopting the name of the W.W.S.A., the rest I supposed at the time would be left to the convention as a whole.

I am in favor of accepting the terms laid down by the W.W.S.A. and uniting even if they do not consent to election of officers paid workers etc. This could be determined at the next annual convention but it seems to me preferable to have it all settled now and to get down to business, however if this is impossible I am in favor of accepting their terms for union.

Did you consult Miss Heide? Can we now make the necessary arrangements for a convention this month? Had we not better have the program outlined ready to send out the call as soon as I hear from our Executive Board?

Sincerely yours



*Please return  
copy with your market*

Oshkosh, Wis. Jan. 8, 13.  
25 Mt. Vernon Str.

Dear Ada:-

Miss James is here, talking over the letters with me and Miss Swart ( the latter over the phone) *and we three agree* Miss Swart and I think that the drafted revised constitution must be submitted and adopted by the convention or a new one adopted. In this case we agree on equal representation, on the board. The presiding officer of the convention to be only chairman pro tem.

Nobody objects to the honorary office of Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Hooper is in San Antonio out of reach.

The fair thing would be to have representation pro rata, one delegate to twenty members, but if this is an insurmountable obstacle we would for THIS ONCE compromise as last resort on equal representation. But under NO circumstances would we allow them to adopt a constitution for us. The constitution under which both societies must work, must be framed by a joint committee and adopted in convention, at least; the preliminary committee would be the quickest way.

Inclosed read last night's Northwestern. Whose fingermarks do you see?

With love from all of us

*Jane Sophie Enders*

As we understand it our league would slate names of the suggested officers and no joint officer would be elected except president. LET US PREVAIL ON MRS. YOUMANS TO ACCEPT THIS OFFICE. We must beforehand decide on women who will serve. First thing would be motion to unite ( if constitution will surely come before convention ). Next thing adoption of constitution or joint committee to revise it. Then election of president.

*Was sorry you did not understand S. J. who finally said we would leave 2 p.m. as otherwise it would have meant 4 hours delay.*

# NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

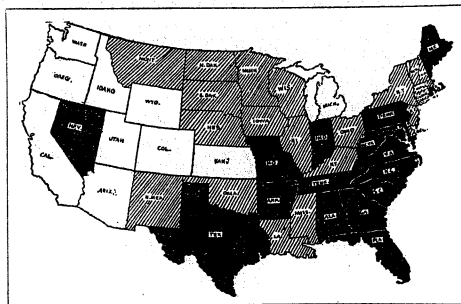
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January 13th, 1913.

Miss Ada. L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

I wrote you a little short note by hand the other day, as soon as I received your letter of January 1st., in order to tell you that I hoped you would not wait too long before getting your question re-submitted. I think the sooner we can keep up that fight and get it going the better, so as not to lose the enthusiasm and the work of the last campaign.

Now I am going to read through your nice long letter, which tells us so many things in regard to the Wisconsin work. I believe in harmony, but I don't believe in wasting one's whole life trying to get harmony rather than doing work, and I just from your letter in regard to the attitude of Mrs. Brown and her society, that that is about what they expect you to do, and if I were in your place I would not waste much time doing it. Since they refuse all reasonable co-operation, then I would go ahead and do my work the very best way I could without them. Primarily I believe it is better to work harmoniously together, but if you cannot work harmoniously together then the best way is to work harmoniously apart, and that seems to be the kind of harmony you will have to work for in Wisconsin. You certainly did take a great deal of pains to try to make things right, and I think it is a shame for any woman to try to keep up the old antagonism. Perhaps the request to keep the name the Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association is reasonable, because I believe there is a good deal in what people call continuity of organized efforts, particularly we women who change our names on every possible occasion, but to have when they held their Convention, elect their officers and decide on what to do and then merely to give you the opportunity to join, is certainly not

Miss Ada L. James

co-operation. Anybody can join any suffrage association at any time, I suppose, but that does not mean co-operation.

I don't wonder that you are tired to death with arguments for suffrage. Sometimes I wish I could never hear any. I have been arguing it for forty years and there is not a new argument to-day. Every one of them worth while was made before I was born and we have only had to robe t them in varying and different words from that time, and I have the greatest possible sympathy with your desire to do something, rather than to hear about the thing that ought to be done.

I am very sorry that it will be impossible for me to attend a public meeting now, because my time is so filled that it would be impossible for me to get to you until March and you want to get to work before then, and I do hope that Miss Addams and Mrs. Bowen can come to you. I heard Mrs. Bowen speak in Chicago, only for a short time, however, but her speech was one of the fullest of real good meat that was worth while that I have ever heard, and if she can make such a good short speech I am sure she could make a better long one. She did not waste a single word, she did not say anything she ought not to have said and she tried to make the people see their personal responsibility in the matter. I liked it immensely.

I think I told you in my letter that if I called a State Convention, I would not say anything about why we could not unite , I would not mention the fact but go ahead as if yours was the only organization on earth and pay no attention to the other society. That would make less comment than if you were to explain matters. I have a little motto pasted on my desk at home which is "Never explain, your friends do not need it and your enemies don't believe you if you do, so don't waste time at it". I believe the most important thing is to get a strong local committee to watch the opposition. Michigan has literally been stolen from us by corrupt work and I have no doubt there was some corrupt work done in Wisconsin and we have got to meet that kind of work with the tools that will unearth it and expose it.

I agree with you that it is important that I should know the women personally and I should be glad to meet them . I hoped that last year then I went to Wisconsin for the campaign, I hoped that my first meeting in Wisconsin would be a gathering together in Milwaukee of the real workers at a public mass meeting and I must confess I was greatly disappointed that my work was not started that way. I think it would

Miss Ada L. James,

have been of much more importance to the campaign and would have done a great deal more too. However, that is all passed and if we have to do it again we will do it in a different way.

In regard to Miss Wagner. I think Minnesota is a good place for her. She will meet a lot of congenial people there and I don't think she will be able to do any harm. These people, whom she will meet, are as bitter as she is and for about the same reasons. I don't think I should take any trouble to warn them, they know her and probably it is because they do know her that they want her and that she has gone there.

Let me hear from you when you decide what to do.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna L. Shaw*  
*J. G.*

1913, Jan. 10

The Downtown Club,

519-520 Colby-Abbot Building,

Milwaukee.

My dear Miss Jones,

It is with regret that I shall pre-  
sent your communication to the Down-  
town Club, and I am sure it will be  
received by the other members with  
the same feeling. I will do my best  
to help you and bring you to the club.  
I hope the Club will again have  
the privilege of having you  
among its members.

I am very cordially

Yours truly  
Alice Jones

10 Jan 1913

A. M. Benson. M. D.

HARTFORD, WIS.

Jan 11 1913

Dear Miss James

Your kind letter enclosing  
check for \$5- received. Thanks  
I am sending copies of the Herald  
to the addresses given.

I hope the paper may be helpful  
in a small way in carrying  
forward some needed reforms  
including woman's suffrage -  
If you have something you would  
like to say thru the columns of  
the H. send it on and I will  
take pleasure in printing it.

Hoping this finds you healthy  
and strength equal to your  
kind impulses and true  
enthusiasm

Yours Very Truly  
A. M. Benson

Sunday

Dear Ada,

We held our meeting with the result enclosed, which I am mailing to Miss Cleaves. We agreed your name because this is practically what you proposed over the phone to Mrs. T., in case we could not agree to accept their terms. At the beginning <sup>of the meeting</sup> I was abringly in favor of accepting their terms, but after a full and frank discussion I am glad now we came to the only wise conclusion. I do hope you agree.

Can you make some copies of this letter and lend me one? You see I made a mistake with my carbon

and so had to copy the 2nd page for  
you by hand.

Send love — with much love. This  
is final so will never get things  
going one way or the other.

James C. E. B.

I'll tell Mrs. Charms to send  
the answer to you, and shall  
await word from you most  
eagerly.



and the best of the best of the  
you will have  
I find it will be a  
ground in the other  
James C. B.

It is all the same to me  
I am sure to you  
I am sure to you  
I am sure to you

I have no machine  
or I would do it  
or there for you

529 Park Ave  
Kenosha Wis.  
Jan. 12. 1913 -

Miss Ada James  
Richland Centre Wis.

My dear Miss James.

Will you kindly let me  
know as soon as possible  
what the plans of the  
Political Equality League  
are for holding a convention  
& for pushing the Woman  
Suffrage bill in the Legislature

This year - All of the women  
leading in the work in Ken-  
sington are to be away from  
home this winter & unless  
I know soon what we  
are to plan for it - will  
be impossible for our  
branch of the League to do  
any active work before  
next summer -

Very Sincerely  
Miss Harriet F. Bain.  
President Kennington C. Political Equality League

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Oberlin, O. Jan. 13, 1913.

Dear Miss James:

If you can get your hands on a copy of the October number of Progress, your retail liquor dealers publication that gave our good cause so much attention, would you be so kind as to send me one? Do not go to any trouble about it, but if you happen to be able to send it, I should be very glad to get it.

You are to have a reorganization meeting in January, I believe. The best of luck to you!

Sincerely,

Clara Snell Wolfe.

12 OTIS PLACE,  
BOSTON,

January 14. 1913.

Dear Miss James:

Thank you  
beautifully for the photo  
of the Highland Centre  
Fair. It is quite a good  
one.

It is our Municipal  
Election in Boston,  
& a woman is running  
for the School Board.

I was checking in a  
Booth for a while this  
morning, & it interested  
me to find the

conversation of the  
election officers & police-  
men, almost constantly  
about ~~the~~ woman's  
suffrage. When the  
voting was slack - they  
kept harking back &  
back to the subject -  
& most of <sup>the</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~professed~~ <sup>professed</sup>  
them in favor. One  
big Irish policeman  
was against it, & the  
others kept rallying  
him, & telling him he  
would get left.

Our legislative  
fight is being

terribly mishandled by the Suffragists. The  
one at cross purposes among them selves.  
Mrs. Fitz Gerald has received & is forming a  
new organization, etc. It is too bad, as  
with judicious management, I am told  
there was a good chance of a vote to  
submit the Amendment.

With thanks for your remembrance of  
me. I am yours sincerely  
Elizabeth G. Evans.

98 High St.

Asheville Jan. 15, '13.

My Dear Miss James

Yours came today  
and I have telephoned  
Miss Swart and Mrs  
Gudden the Commis-  
sioners to the W. W. S. A.

They are both willing  
to have their signatures  
attached, I also. We  
think you have gotten  
at the fundamental  
principle of the matter.

Do you know if Mrs.  
Gurman's has been  
approached in regard  
to taking the presidency.  
Miss Swart and I do



not consider the present  
in context of the W.W.S.A.  
desirable

W.W. but wishes

Much love

from  
Joseph James

# NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

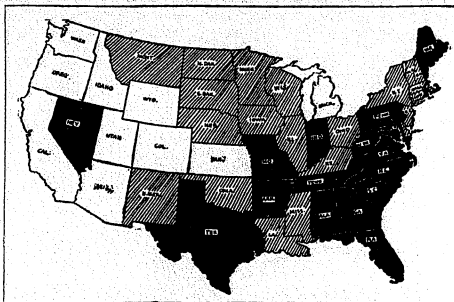
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Jan. 15, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland, Center,  
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:-

Will you kindly send me the exact wording of the clause in the Wisconsin Constitution or ~~in~~ the statutes, which bear upon the Suffrage amendment, and tell me also if the bill you are going to introduce this year will be in just the same form as that used in the last campaign?

We are making a new compilation of the method for submitting the Suffrage question in each one of the States and need exact information. I hope I am not seriously inconveniencing you, but I do wish that you could send this information to me by return mail.

Our great haste is because we are getting out a schedule, which we want printed in the next issue of the "Woman's Journal" and else-where, showing the whole Suffrage outlook over the country between now and 1920. It is very important for the press work that we get this schedule printed as soon as possible, for we are planning now a great Carnegie Hall meeting for the evening of February 17th, it is going to be illustrated by slides showing every stage of Suffrage possibilities between now and 1920.

I am enclosing a copy of the amending of the Wisconsin Constitution taken from the last compilation available either in the New York Public Library or the New York University Law Library, also a copy of the "Woman's Journal" on the method

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505 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Miss James.

of submission used in your campaign. If you find that the method of amending the Constitution has not been changed since this compilation was made and if you plan to submit the question again by the same method used in the last campaign, please send me a telegram to that effect, and if that is the case you would not need to bother to write, but if the method of amending has been changed, and is too long to be contained in a night letter telegram, then please write.

I was interested to read your very illuminating letter to Miss Shaw on the situation, and you have my sympathy & also my admiration for the splendid spirit you have steadily shown through all the trying circumstances.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ware Deuel

Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. - I find I have not on file the copy of the Journal for Nov. 25, '11 but have asked the Journal office to send you one. Perhaps you have it on hand anyway.

Wisconsin

"Any amendment or amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislature and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendments or amendments shall be entered in their journals, with the yeas and nays taken thereon and referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and shall be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election; and if, in the legislature so next chosen, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each house, then it shall be the duty of the legislature to submit such proposed amendment or amendments to the people in such manner and at such a time as the legislature shall prescribe and if the people shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the Constitution"

Madison, Wis., Jan 14. '13

Dear Miss James:-

I want you to know that I have resigned the presidency of and membership in the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association. I shall not be identified with any organization until there is union. Am heart-sick over the present situation.

Sincerely,

Lute E. Stearns.

629 Mendota Court

Madison, Wis. Jan. 15, 1913

My dear Miss James:-

I was disappointed to learn that the two state organizations had been unable to unite. We in Dane County had very much hoped that your efforts might be successful. As for the bill which we want introduced into the legislature, we have felt that some body representing the women of the state, rather than just those of Dane County, should stand back of it; so we have taken no action in the matter.

I have canceled our engagement of the Woman's Building for the 23d but will probably have no difficulty in securing the hall for another date, if you will let me know when the convention is to take place.

I am glad you are coming to Madison soon and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Edna E. Chynoweth

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Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

It happens that Mrs. Ella Reeve Bloor one of the women who did very wonderful work during our woman suffrage campaign last summer is going to Milwaukee for a speaking engagement February 9th. I do not know under whose auspices her Milwaukee meeting is to be held but it has occurred to me that if you suffragists are wanting any suffrage speaking in Milwaukee it would be well for you to get in touch with Mrs. Bloor. Mrs. Bloor is a socialist but she is a wise woman and in her suffrage work she keeps her socialism well in the background. She did wonderful work for us in many cities and equally wonderful work in back woods districts. She spoke among the miners in three of our counties, all of which returned majorities for our amendment. I believe that no other one worker had quite such definite results from her work as did Mrs. Bloor in those three counties. She is a very good looking woman, has been well educated, is the mother of six children all but one grown up. She has cared for these children and given all of the adult ones <sup>a</sup> college education. I am simply putting in these personal items so that you may know somewhat of the kind of person she is. If you think that the Milwaukee suffragists would care to get in touch with Mrs. Bloor will you not write <sup>me</sup> a line upon receipt

2--Miss Ada L. James.

of this. Just at present I am a little in doubt as to Mrs. Bloor's address. She is visiting and that is why I ask you to write me instead of writing directly to her. We have no correspondents in Milwaukee and for this reason I write to you though I realize that Richland Center is a considerable distance from Milwaukee. However, you who have your hand on the situation throughout the state will know with whom we ought to correspond in Milwaukee, if at all.

It is too bad that you were not at the Philadelphia Convention to hear all of the fine things which were said about you by the various persons who represented Wisconsin on the program.

With best wishes and bespeaking for Wisconsin a victory next time, just as we are expecting victory in Ohio, I am

Yours most truly,

EJH.BJ

*Harriet Taylor Upton*



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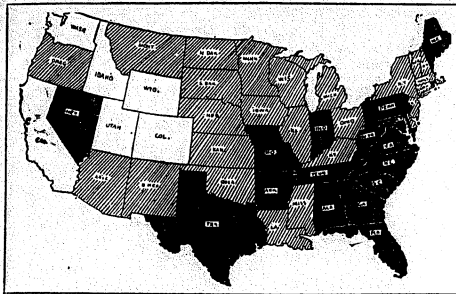
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Mrs. Crystle Eastman Benedict,  
1016 Wells Bldg.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Benedict:-

Can you spare us specimens of the various kinds of literature you published in your campaign, for our collection here at headquarters? If possible let us have two copies of each thing. We need one for our scrapbook which is of great interest to our visitors who come here to study ways and means; and the other copy we need for our exhibit of Suffrage Propaganda.

It is also a great help to the National Literature Committee to see what things have been most serviceable and most successful in the State Campaigns.

Cordially yours,

*Mary Ware Dennett*

Corresponding Secretary.

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Miss Flora Gapen,  
Executive Secretary,  
Political Equality League,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Miss Gapen:-

The suffrage campaign in Nebraska will soon be "on" in earnest, and we look to California, Oregon, Wisconsin, Arizona, Michigan and Kansas for helpful advice. We are bending every effort toward speedy and effective organization. What suggestions can you give us as to membership extension as planned in your state?

We shall be grateful for any literature you may have on the subject. With appreciation of your splendid 1912 campaign, I am —

Very truly yours,

*Anna Rockwood Peterson*  
Chairman of Membership Extension  
Committee of Nebraska.

Oshkosh, Wis. January 17, 1913.  
25 Mt. Vernon Str.

Dear Ada:-

Miss James is here and tells me the result of the last negotiations. I can easily understand that the W.W.S.A. do not wish to lose identity and name, even for a brief time, as long as it is incorporated and has possibly bequests which might be jeopardized.

Why not simply have it understood that both former societies will have equally acceptable president equal board representation, our members simply going down to the convention and joining the old association and after that dissolve ours? If we are numerically strong enough we can dictate the policy. But we must insist upon a new constitution beforehand.

I feel strongly that in view of the organizing anti opposition that we ought to reintroduce the referendum this year, but feel that it would be fatal unless both organizations agree to it. We must present a united front.

As to a convention I would wait until all compromises are exhausted before I would call it.

Have had the grip, but am better.

With love

*Sophie Cadden*

Please consider this letter from both of us.

Of course the convention must be held before the limit of introduction of new bills expires. WHEN IS THIS? Please answer.

Miss Swart thinks that there is no chance of uniting, but she agrees with me that we ought to introduce the measure again and wishes you would write to Miss Stearns, give all the reasons, express your desire for at least JOINT POLICY and find out if they would unite with us in presenting it to the legislature, should our convention decide to do so. or our board decide to do so.-

Miss Swart also suggests that you write an ultimatum to Miss Stearns, asking final terms, REASONS why they do not seem to care to join, also if there are legal or financial reasons in the way of any of our conditions.

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WAUKESHA, WIS.,

January 7, 1919

Dear Ada James. You have no doubt learned the outcome of last Saturday's Board meeting. It was very satisfactory to me, and I felt that the reasonableness of our counter-alternatives must commend itself to all unprejudiced minds. We must have a new organization in fact if not in name - not two old organizations, tied together not welded, and each presumably struggling for supremacy. I did not realize at first how utterly impractical it would be to have the old association name half the officers and our association the other half. Think of the

scrambling previous to each board meeting so that we, or they, could be sure of a majority and so dictate policy! And any attempt at having a delegated body from such loosely-organized associations as the suffrage societies seems out of the question. There was some objection at the Board meeting to our yielding the two points - taking the name Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association, and making Mrs Brown honorary president. But these seemed to me reasonable, as I know they do to you.

With an entirely new organization, which I hope will result, the question of officers will probably settle itself. It is not becoming to refuse an office that has not been offered one, but I must not consider the presidency, as you so kindly suggest. With my mother here, it will be more difficult than before for me to leave home

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WAUKESHA, WIS.,

and somehow burdens of all kinds seem to grow heavier and to multiply, with each year. In any capacity I shrink from beginning another campaign immediately. Don't you think it best for us to rest a bit and let our arguments of last year have time to sink in?

Thank you for your kind words about my father. He did feel so grateful that he did not suffer long and that he was himself as long as he lived. When I see the aged, decrepit and childlike, my father's death seems a blessing.

With love always.

Gwendora N. Youmans

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Miss Ada James,

Colby Abbott Bldg.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:

On the 7th of the month we wrote you asking if you could favor us with the present address of Miss Mary R. Thomas, formerly of Kemper Hall, Kanosha, Wis., but have not been favored with any reply. We would appreciate very much any courtesy you could extend us in the matter.

Yours very truly,

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18 January 1915.

Miss Ada L. James,

Richland Center,

Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I was glad to hear from you, as always. I think that more important than an immediate coalition of the two organizations is the maintenance of amity. I am confident that it is a good deal better to stay apart than to come together on a basis that either organization feels is in any degree unfair. If the situation is not forced I am confident that ultimately the two organizations will be brought together as a unit, when the cause calls for it.

Mr. La Follette was strongly of the opinion that we should ask for a referendum from this legislature. This view was based on the general policy which he has always followed of never letting go of an important piece of legislation until it was secured. It makes a definite object to work for and is the best means of education and publicity.

As for the money that is due me, it will be all right when it is convenient.

Thank you very much for the helpful suggestions as to campaign methods.

Perhaps I ought to write you formally and officially in regard to the suffrage parade that they are working for here to be held on the third of March. While personally, I am not attracted by this method of campaigning, still, it has been very effective, and since they have decided upon it, I am very anxious to do what I can and hope that Wisconsin will cooperate. If there ever was a time and place when a parade would be effective, it is here at the capital at inauguration time. You will doubtless hear officially from the Headquarters here. But I want you to understand my personal interest and desire that the state be well represented.

Very truly yours,

*Belle Case La Follette*



Superior Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 13

Dear Miss James

Your letter was received yesterday.

I was in hopes the unexpected might happen, and a report of an agreement between the two societies would come any day.

Mrs Kollin the new secretary sent me a notice about the meeting, and I answered that I hoped both societies could get together, and in order

1913, Jan. 19  
to clear the way of one  
officer I cheerfully re-  
signed as second vice  
president, and advised  
a new constitution to  
be adopted by the same  
body that elected new  
officers.

I have heard nothing  
until your letter came.

By the spirit manifested  
at the other convention,  
it seems that it will be  
almost impossible to  
ever reach an agreement.  
If I were you I would not  
try any more. You have  
done everything that in

4772, JAN. 1917  
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fairness and justice  
anyone could do.

Miss Stearns must  
have felt very much  
put out, I can imagine  
what an unpleasant  
situation it must have  
been for her.

She probably decided  
in the discouragement  
of the moment not to  
have any suffrage con-  
nections until there  
was union.

If we can't have union,  
we must work without  
it. While this is not so

efficient it is much  
better than no work.  
In fact I don't think the  
W. W. S. A. will do much  
one way or the other.

I think that one or more  
of our members will go  
to Madison, two who can  
get passes, but I hardly  
think I shall go, much  
as I should like to.

I paid out twenty dollars  
for that useless trip to  
Milwaukee, and I don't  
feel like doing so again.  
Not that this will be so  
fruitless I should hope.

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You see, we shall not  
have to do such hard  
work here another time,  
and Bayfield carried and  
Ashland almost. So  
unless we could be of  
assistance to the rest of  
the state (and I don't see  
how we can) there is  
no need for you folks  
to bother about us.

We are so far away, and  
all meetings are at the  
other end of the state, so  
we are pretty much  
left to ourselves.

However, you have the  
utmost good will of all

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of us, and we shall rejoice,  
if nothing more, at any  
arrangement that will  
give us a chance to vote.  
We are just waiting for  
your end of the state to  
catch up.

It is not very important  
whether we belong to  
a state organization or  
not, tho we received help  
from them last time for  
all of which we paid.  
We are not meeting now,  
but we stand in readiness  
to go to war at any time.

I shall be glad to hear  
from you any time on this  
matter. With best wishes,  
Yours

for your success in  
bringing things about the  
way you want them.

Very Sincerely yours

Mary Scott Johnson

[1913, JAN. 19]  
of us and we shall rejoice,  
if nothing more, at any  
arrangement that will give  
us the earliest chance to vote.

We are just waiting for  
your end of the state  
to catch up.

We are not meeting now,  
but none of us have lost  
interest. I shall be glad  
to hear from you any  
time on this matter.

Hoping things will adjust  
themselves to suit you,

Very sincerely yours

Mary Scott Johnson  
2005 Hammond Ave



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Jan. 19, 1913

My dear Miss James,

I went to Mrs. Tuddenie's yesterday afternoon to read with her your letter saying that our last proposal to the N. N. S. A. had been rejected.

They say that they can't dissolve. I think they should be able to cite reasons why they can't; and if able, they should surely be willing. Is there any legal or financial difficulty that is unanswerable? If so, it would be very improper for us to expect them to dissolve, and all they need do is to make clear the case. If there is no such reason, they should not object to dissolution.

If they will not write on any ground that is fair to us, will they join us in a

working policy. If they are going to oppose  
the movement for re-submission to the  
legislature, in case we need take it, we  
might as well not need take it, un-  
less we are going to come straight-  
out and publish the whole proceeding  
which I am in favor of doing, if we can't  
do any better. But I would make one  
more effort to get their reasons, - I  
mean for refusing to dissolve.

As for the presidency, I think Mrs. Jon-  
mans, everything considered, is the very  
best person for the place. I do not  
mean this as any criticism on you  
or on anything you have done. If  
we can't have Mrs. J. I should  
be glad to have you take it again. I  
think your administration, was able,  
resourceful, and judicious. And I  
want to add that your offer of as-  
sistance to Mrs. J. even to  
the extent of doing private secretary  
work is just as useful and gen-  
erous as it can be. It ~~expressed~~  
my admiration.

Truly yours, R. C. Swart

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Jan. 21, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James

Richland Centre

Wisconsin.

Dear Madam: -

I am anxious to have the address of "Progress" (quoted in the "Woman's Journal" of Dec. 28, as the official organ of the retail liquor dealers of Wisconsin), and Miss Agnes E. Ryan of the "Woman's Journal" has referred me to you for information. If you can also tell me how often "Progress" is published, and what the price is per number, and also what the date of their issues was that the "Journal" quotes, I'd be very glad. I want, if I can, to get a few numbers, as I'd then have in my hands indisputable evidence that the liquor interests are against

us. and I know that such evidence  
would be a help in gaining over to  
us hesitating women. I am afraid,  
however, to write to "Progress" without  
knowing something about its style  
and price, as if I should seem  
ignorant, they might suspect my  
motives, and fail to oblige me.

I inclose an addressed envelope  
for reply.

Very sincerely yours

Mary A. Goddard

Of course the address of "Progress"  
is the main thing. I might find it in  
some newspaper list, but I think it  
doubtful.

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Ada L. James,

Care Sargeant of Arms Senate Chamber, Madison, Wis.

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Anna H. Shaw. IO43a

**Wisconsin Legislature,**  
**ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.**

*Madison,* Jan. 22, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James,

I have your letter of January 21, in which you ask if it will be possible for the State Political Equality League to secure the use of the Assembly chamber for the evening of February 4th.

I have assigned the Assembly chamber to you for that evening, so far as I have control of the same, and I do not think that there will be any difficulty in your arranging the program accordingly. Should anything arise that would interfere in any manner, I would promptly inform you, but I do not expect that there will be any difficulty. You may count on having the chamber on that evening.

Very truly yours,

*Merlin Hull*

✓ January 22, 1913.

216 West Gilman Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Miss James, —

Last evening Miss Zona  
Gale, after an ineffectual attempt  
to get Mrs. Chynoweth on the  
long distance telephone from Portage,  
tried and succeeded in getting me,  
and we had an illuminating con-  
versation. Her query was whether  
there was to be any convention.  
I told her of your plans for Feb. 4-5.  
She regretted exceedingly that a  
joint convention was not attempted,

and was personally of the opinion  
that union of the two societies was  
perfectly possible. Admitting that  
a few of the women had made de-  
cisions that looked discouraging, she  
declared that a majority of the W. S. A.  
were definitely in favor of union,  
and while that was so it ought  
not to be allowed to fail. I ex-  
plained how the matter appeared  
to me, an outsider, saying that  
no union seemed possible if the  
W. S. A. were unwilling to change  
their constitution, if they insisted on  
equal representation on the board of



directors, and if they insisted on defining policies before the amalgamation, in which case these policies would not represent a majority opinion of all suffragists. Miss Gale agreed with me that all matters of policy should be left for the decision of the majority after union, and said that the W.S.A. would agree to that. She said further that they did not hold out for equal representation on the board, and that they agreed to allow the Constitution to be amended as far as the majority ruled after union. The only points the W.S.A. insist on are retaining the name and not actually dissolving. If they concede all these points there ought to be no obstacle to union, for, even if they at no one moment dissolve and throw over their Constitution, they in effect do so as soon as they submit their Constitution for unlimited amendment by the majority. Miss Gale particularly asserted that the W.S.A. was perfectly willing to amend after union.

She asked me if the W.S.A. could not unite with the P.E.C. in calling the convention for the 4-5 Feb. I explained that you were going to invite all suffragists

216 West Gilman Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

in the state, and that I personally thought that it would be a fine thing if the W. S. A. joined you in the call, but that I of course had no authority to act. I am now writing particularly to say that it is Mrs. Chynoweth's and my strong desire that if the W. S. A. wishes this privilege you will accord it to them.

Miss Gale said that she had called you by telephone last evening but could not get either you or Mrs.

Benedict. She intended to call up again so as to lose no time. If her opinion does represent that of the majority of the N. S. A. then union would seem possible, more, practical, for in all future decisions the reactionary minority of old-time suffragists would be out-voted, and, though they might be discontented, they could not effectually impede progressive policies.

Hoping that Miss Jali's open-mindedness is actually representative of the spirit of the

majority, as she says it is, and hoping  
that some good will come out of reopening  
the question, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alice Haskell Bleyer.

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Lock sharp

Call to Order - Mrs. Chynoweth, Pres. Dan C. Leary  
Election of <sup>temporary</sup> Chairman. (Miss Sabin would be  
appointment of temporary Secretary <sup>my choice</sup>.)

Statement of Purpose of meeting by Chair-

a Plea for Union - Miss Gale Portage

The Last Campaign - Mrs. Yainmans Waulerka

The Campaign By Men, for Men - Jerkin Lloyd

Jones, Chicago.

How Success was won in Kansas -

Mrs. W. H. Johnston, Okla.

Discussion - The Proposed Union of Forces

in Wisconsin - Miss James, Pres. P. E. L.

Miss Seidel, Amer. Suff.  
Miss Stearns, Pres. W. W. S. A.

General Discussion of ways and means with  
appointment of committees. Constitution  
nomination, Policy, ways and means.

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Wednesday, Jan 22 - 6 o'clock to 7:45  
Dinner under auspices of College  
Equal Suffrage League at - per  
plate. Speakers to be arranged for.

Wednesday, Jan 22 - 8 p.m. - Assembly Chamber  
Address by Brand Whitlock of Toledo  
(I have written him).

Thursday, Jan 23 - 9 o'clock - Woman's Building.  
Reports of Committees. -

- 1) Constitution
- 2) Nomination.
- 3) Policy.
- 4) Ways & means.

General Discussion.

Adjournment to later date for  
ratification by organizations repre-  
sented.

Wednesday, January 22. [1913]

10:00\*-- Call to Order by Mrs. Chynoweth.

~~Election of temporary Chairman (Mrs. Chynoweth would be my ch~~

~~Appointment of Secretary~~

~~Statement of proposed meeting by Chairman~~

Roll call by County ( To know how generally the state is represented)

Report on Finances- Miss Willis  
Mrs. Inbush  
Miss Heide  
Mr. Bartelt

Financing a campaign, general discussion.

NOON

2:00--- Plea for One Organization-----Zona Gale

Miss Stearns  
Miss Heide  
Mr. Bartelt

Discussed by Miss James

W.W.S.A.  
P.F.L.  
A. S.  
M.E.S.L.

Report of recent Campaign & Recommendations For Future

Campaign for MEN by Men ----- Richard Lloyd Jones

Brief Reports and Suggestions from County Chairmen

Press Work \*\*\*\*\* Miss Newman, Mrs. Youmans

General Discussion and appointment of Committees

Pola LaFollette  
Milwaukee Normal  
Dinner College League Oshkesh "  
Dewner  
Lawrence  
Carrel

Evening 8:00 Assembly Chamber---- Brand Whitlock

THURSDAY? JANUARY 23

9:00 Literature--- -----

Suffrage Reading Rooms, Their use-----Mrs. Gee. Peckham

Work Among the Germans ----- ---Mrs. B. C. Gudden

Our DEfeat as Seen by Miss Stearns, Miss Heide & Miss James

Field Work -- Miss King, Miss Curtis & Mrs. McCreery.

Report of Committees

Neminations

Elections

724 East St. Flint Mich.  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1913  
Miss Ada James  
Richland Center, Wis

The Wausau Journal  
referred me to you when  
I asked them about  
Mrs A. J. George and her  
public statements about  
the suffragers being in league  
with the liquor interests  
and she also mentioned  
"Progress" the organ of the  
Wisconsin liquor dealers.  
We expect the question of suffrage  
and prohibition to be voted  
upon at our Spring election.  
The "Anti's" are organized here and we  
need to know the facts. Thanking you



for any help you may be  
able to give.

I am sincerely yours

Carrie E. C. Burston

(Mrs N. J.)

January 28.23 [1913]

Dear Miss James:

I do know the results of the conferences and the correspondence between the two suffrage boards. And I feel that if union of the two <sup>organizations</sup> is not effected, it will be because a most undemocratic procedure has taken place in the decision by the few that the many shall not be united. I am convinced that the majority of the suffragists in the state want union, before most things else. I, who live "out in the state", know quite well that many and many of the eager women workers do not know clearly which organization is which, nor can keep straight the officers. They only know that they are trying, from a little money, to pay for the duplication of office and organization work when one headquarters should do it all and when a great spirit, strengthening us, should take the place of a factional spirit, with its deadly power to weaken our common cause.

I am unable to understand your statement that Mrs. Johnson has resigned as first vice-president of the association. I am the first vice-president of the association, and I have no intention of resigning until that happens which this moment tremendously demands: A meeting of all the suffragists of the state, called by the two societies, to decide, as the will of all of us and not as the will of a few of us, whether we shall unite; if we do so, the offices of both organizations, by previous conditional arrangement, being

declared vacant and general officers elected.

I know that at this moment the association is willing to make any and all concessions to bring about this result, save the single one of keeping its scrap of tradition of long work under the Lucy Stone organization, instead of putting it on a 1913 basis. That is hardly even a condition; for I believe that most of the suffragists in the state would rather have that tradition back of us than not to have it. I have ~~heard~~ <sup>heard from</sup> several times and have talked with Mrs. Brown, I have talked with Miss Willis, and I know that if we can all only talk simply and sanely and humanely about this, instead of depending on formal communications, and misunderstanding import at the cost of some little detail, we can come to a basis of co-operation. When I say this I believe that I am voicing the wish of the majority of the women of the association. Do you not believe that this is the same of the women of the league? Ought we not to have a chance to vote on it together?

I beg you to let us issue this call for the February meeting with you, to share the expense of the meeting, and to take the programme on exactly as you have so far arranged, or anything else you have in mind. Don't let us fail in this big thing, Miss James, for the sake of the little thing. I will undertake hereby that our board shall not do this, if you will make one more effort to bring union about, and let it depend on the voice of the suffragists of the state.

Faithfully yours,

*Ana Cole*

*Postage*  
23 *January:*





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Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss:

On Dec. 19th we wrote you requesting that you give us the address of Miss Mary Thomas. Up to the present time we have not had a reply from you and would appreciate it very much if you would advise us of her address. We are enclosing herewith a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

A. G. SPALDING & BROS.

Manager

ROJ: IS

River Pines Sanatorium  
Stevens Point -

23<sup>rd</sup> January -

My dear Miss James: So many times I  
have wanted to write to you, but have waited  
until I have better news. I am getting well <sup>and</sup>  
I can leave in the Spring. This means well of  
everything. Then, I want to come and get your  
advice about some plans I have, if you will let  
me. You see I think of you as a splendid  
person, and a wonderful influence for good  
in my life. You will never know how I felt that  
night when I came to see you and you were so  
kind.

There is one thing I wish you would help me  
about, if you can. Miss Gaper, so I hear,  
wrote Dr. Golis that I tried to borrow \$100  
from her. Now, Miss James, I never tried  
to borrow one cent from Miss Gaper, or any  
one else connected with the Political Equality  
League. I did ask Miss Gaper to draw a  
draft on Miss Paslay for me, but I never heard  
from Miss Gaper about it, so I concluded  
she did not get my letter. And I was ill  
and distressed and Miss Paslay after -  
wards sent me the money necessary, so  
I never troubled about it again. But Dr.

Jan. 23.  
Sols, because I owed her some money  
which I have now paid, told people in  
Ann Arbor that I owed all of you Mrs.  
Benedict Miss Gaper and you I have  
had such a hard time and so many  
untrue things have been said that I  
perhaps, ought not to care, but I do.  
Now, I believe Miss Gaper is my friend,  
and I know you are - so will you tell  
me how she could have said it I don't  
know her N.Y. address -

How I do hope the legislature will  
be good to you! Suffrage certainly  
is coming, everywhere.

There's a very nice boy here from  
Richland Center - Mr Kirkpatrick -  
I think I like him because he comes  
from your home -

I shall be so glad to have a  
letter from you and see

Sincerely your friend -  
May Thomas -

Presbyterian Church

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN

MINISTER

839 MILTON AVENUE

Janesville, Wis. Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1963

My dear Miss James.

A few days ago one of our local papers published the enclosed clip. It was doubtless copied bodily from a Madison paper. From this we infer that a ~~P.E.C.~~ convention is called for Feby 4 + 5.

When we rec'd your letters relative to the failure to unite the two organizations, we generally decided to follow Sister Stearns' lead for we felt as she did; but when this clip appeared in the paper, we decided not to be rash



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but to wait the results of the convention of  
July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. So Rock Co. awaits advice from  
you.

I infer our elected delegates will not go as  
delegates, but that you may wish a mass of  
men & women - as large a delegation as we  
can muster from our County.

By the paper learn that the Co. Chairmen are  
to give reports.

I have called a meeting for the 29<sup>th</sup> inst to  
discuss the outlook, trusting that by that date  
you can give me official notification of what  
you wish from Rock Co. We are ready for any  
thing reasonable, & so far, <sup>as we know it,</sup> approve of the

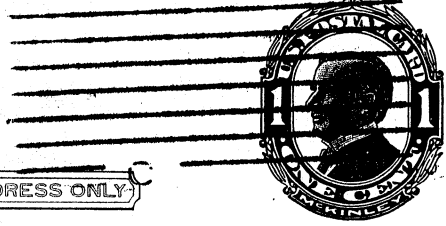
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action of our own League, but we are in  
no mood to waste time in dissections.  
Our best workers are all busy women who  
count their hours as valuable assets.

I realize how pressed for time you are & also  
the stress you have been thru in the effort to  
effect a union, but if it is possible <sup>to you</sup> to do  
so, I feel that it will be very satisfying to  
our women if we hear from you before the  
29<sup>th</sup> inst. We must have time to work up a  
delegation if you wish that.

With sincere & kindly regards

Mrs Alice Laughlin  
(Mrs J. W. Laughlin)

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Ada L. James.  
Richland Center  
Wis.



Madison, Wisconsin,  
January Twenty-fifth,  
Nineteen Hundred Thirteen.

Dear Chairman:

Our long silence is due to a series of Board Meetings of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association and the Political Equality League, in an endeavor to formulate plans. These plans are at last perfected, and the W.W.S.A. and the P.E.L. are now asking you to co-operate with us in calling a great convention in Madison, February 4th and 5th. Please see that this convention is advertised in your local papers, and urge every man and woman, old or young, who is interested in this great step in Democracy to be present. No one can afford to be indifferent in this important question. Every chairman is especially urged to come prepared to make a report.

We are necessarily late in calling this convention. Please help us push it and make it a great success. Remember it is your convention and we need your advice and help. Every one present will be given a vote.

YOURS FOR A COMING VICTORY,

Zona Gale, Vice Pres. of W.W.S.A.  
Ada L. James.

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Chicago, January 27, 1913.

Miss. Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss. James:--

The Missouri Valley Conference will be held in St. Louis April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. I think I have written you about this date before and hope that you announced the conference in your recent meeting. I have outlined the program, and within a day or two will write to those whom we are asking to speak.

I thank you so much for the names which you suggested. I have drawn liberally from them and you must do all that you can to see that they attend. Is Chrystal Eastman Benedict coming back? I heard that she was to remain in the East. I want you to lead one or two of the most important discussions. One of these is on the question of having one or more State Associations, and also the question of how we will deal in the campaign with our enemies. You see, you people who have led campaigns will be just the ones to give advice to these states just entering upon their campaigns about innumerable things. So, whatever you do you must be sure to be at that conference.

Please put a postscript on every letter you write, calling attention to the dates. I think there will be a printed call or the preliminary program sent out two or three weeks before the time, but in the meantime, we must do all that we can to boom it by correspondence. I noticed by the paper that Lottie Stearns declined the Presidency. Who is the President of the Wisconsin Association, or has it been merged into the League? What is the status of affairs in Wisconsin now?

Yours cordially,

Ellen S. Stewart

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Mrs. Lutie E. Stearns,  
723 Goldsmith Bldg.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Mrs. Stearns:--

I wrote to you several weeks ago about the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, which will be held in St. Louis April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The general topic of the Conference will be "Campaign Methods," and we hope to make it the most practical Conference ever held upon any suffrage subject. We must have many Wisconsin women there to tell the campaign states of Wisconsin methods and to give them practical advice.

I asked you to send me the names of members of your Association who might attend the Conference and who would be qualified to take part on the program. No doubt, in the rush of events, you have overlooked that request, as I have not heard from you. Will you not help by giving the widest possible publicity through your paper and your correspondence to the Conference, and cooperate with us in getting a large attendance? And I should be most grateful for your suggested names by return of mail.

Yours most cordially,

*Ella S. Stewart*

[1913]

Wesley.

511 St. Mary St.

San Antonio Tex

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Miss James,

Mr. Hooper sent  
your letter with others  
inclosed to me. I was  
very glad to get the letter  
but sorry to hear that  
the two societies can not  
come together. I can't  
understand how a small  
group of women like the  
Suffrage Society can think  
they have a right to disturb



In San Antonio, about 600, and  
the very best and most prominent  
women in the city. They expect  
to have a large meeting soon,  
and I am going to it.

They also have an old Suffrage  
Association in Tex., but unlike  
ours they are most anxious to  
have the new, and large Association  
take over the old one. I wish  
we had that condition in Wis.  
The weather is lovely here,  
I am writing by an open window.

What shall be done after  
the two societies have  
combined. I am glad  
that Miss Stearns has  
seen that they are hope-  
less. If a few more wise  
women see it - there will  
be nothing left, which  
would be a blessing.  
Let me hear from you  
if you have time, about  
what is going on.  
I am much better than  
when I came down here  
and hope to go home  
well though to go to  
work. They have a very  
large suffrage society here

I do hope things will brighten up  
in Luffrage town.

Most-Sincerely Yours  
(Mabel) Jessie Jack Hodges

Oshkosh, January 28, 13

Dear Comrade:-

It was THE ONLY RIGHT THING for you to call this convention without board formalities. I, for one, am very happy that we can unite, as the opposition would make the most of divided forces. You and I have never quite given hope of union, nor of the necessary re-introduction of the referendum.

I have been sick in bed for a week and the grip touched my weak spot, the spine. Just stole away to write this letter.

I still hope to attend the convention, but have been hit pretty hard this time.

Now, dear, the hours of starting and parting are just about as inconvenient for Oshkosh trains as possible. We either have to leave Monday and can not catch a train back until Thursday, or we have to set the luncheon hour a little later and I could arrive (with some others) 12.50 and go directly to our luncheon hall. Put down my speech as "A word on the German Situation" or anything you want.

It would give me one more day of rest if I did not have to leave until Tuesday 8.38. Think it over and answer immediately. Could some Madison suffragist who has an auto meet us at the train? If necessary Sarah James could go on Monday and the rest of us Tuesday. You can assign committees anyway. When we draft the new constitution we must be sure not to have

the dues higher than 25c., for 12 years experience in Consumers' League work have taught me the value of low dues and large membership.

Hope we can get Mrs. Youmans to serve.

Zona Gale's letter is splendid. She does not make it clear that the old association would temporarily dissolve, but I would not force even this point.

My liege lord and physician does not know of my plots, but I trust that I will be all right, especially, if you can arrange for my coming Tuesday, missing the morning session.

With love

Sophie G.

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My dear Miss James:-

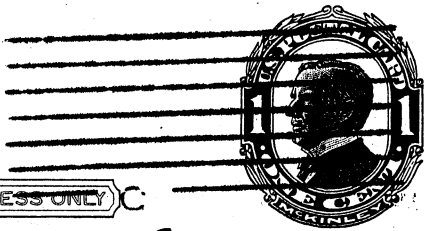
Thank you very  
times for your letter, which gives exactly  
the details I wanted in regard to Progress.  
I'd be quite loathe to borrow your copies,  
for fear of loss in the mails (which does  
sometimes occur), and I think I have a  
good chance of getting the members my-  
self. A young doctor here told me that  
he had friends in Wisconsin, and I was  
arranging for a subscription on my behalf  
to begin with last July, thus including the  
August number, without, I hope, calling  
attention to it. If I fail, I will write  
you again, and ask you to lend me one  
of your copies for a few days. I think  
you are very kind to suggest letting them  
go out of your hands.

With again many thanks I am

Very sincerely yours

Mary A. Goodman

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Ada S. James  
Richland Center  
Wisconsin

My dear Miss James,  
Yours of Jan. 23 rec'd.  
I read in last night's paper  
of your union. My sincere  
congratulations. I have  
written Miss J. - I shall  
come on the 5<sup>th</sup> if possi-  
ble. Yours truly,  
Jan. 28, 1913 R. C. Smart

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January 28, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

I am in receipt this morning of a copy of a Call and ~~the~~ rough draft of the program from Miss Zona Gale.

I note that I am down for a talk at ~~the~~ luncheon. I shall be at Hurley that day where I am to open a much needed library and reading room.

I note in the Call that the statement is made that the ~~two~~ organizations have been endeavoring to formulate plans for uniting, and that these plans are at last perfected. This would "listen" as though the organizations were to join. If this is true, I shall rejoice most heartily, as it will mean much to the success of the cause in Wisconsin.

Yours very truly,

*Lute E Stearns*



Jefferson, Wis., Jan. 29, 13.

Miss Ada James,  
Madison, Wis.

My dear Miss James,

Will you  
please mail to Judge Chas.  
Roger, Fort Atkinson, and  
to ~~Miss~~ Mark J. Lacey of  
Jefferson programs of your  
Convention for next week?

Judge Roger is an able  
speaker on woman suffrage  
and he may be able to

attend a part of the con-  
vention if he is invited.

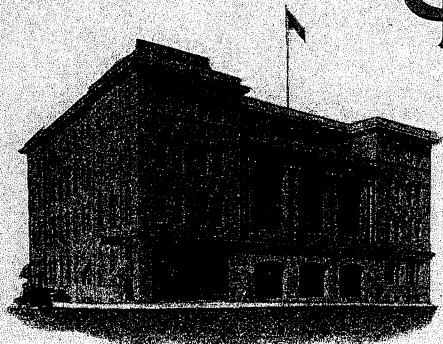
Here's hoping that you  
may succeed in uniting  
the two organizations -  
My sympathies are with  
the P. E. L. for which  
you worked so faithfully.

Yours very truly,

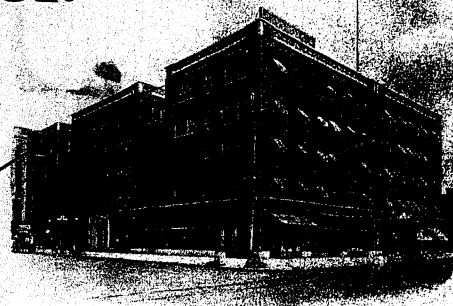
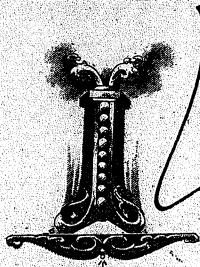
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*Madison, Wis.*

January **191**  
 Twenty-ninth,  
 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
 Richland Center,  
 Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I am in receipt of your postal this morning, and am so surprised that you have not as yet received the programs and calls sent to you, as I mailed them immediately upon receiving them from the multigraphers. I believe I mailed them Sunday morning, so as to go down on the morning train.

If you have not received this package when this letter reaches you, kindly drop me another line and I will trace same.

Very truly yours,

*Mattie L. Quintrell*

Hull-House

800 SOUTH HALSTED STREET  
CHICAGO

Jan. 29, 1913

My dear Miss James:-

I am awfully sorry that neither Mrs. Bowen nor myself can get away from Chicago next week. Mrs. Bowen is thick in the affairs of the Juvenile Court which is passing through a great crisis and feels that she cannot leave town. I am going abroad the middle of February and I have scarcely a single evening left before that time. I have delayed answering your letter trying to get someone who would do you valiant service. I really think the best possible person is Miss Grace Abbott who is Supt. of the Immigrants Protective League. She speaks very clearly and logically and always makes a fine impression on men. She lives at Hull-House and could always be reached here or if you telegraph me I will make arrangements for you.

Hull-House  
800 SOUTH HALSTED STREET  
CHICAGO

Mrs. McCulloch was not at home when I telephoned but her husband thinks she would be willing to go. She makes a splendid presentation as you know.

Among the available men Mr. Halinan President of the Men 's League speaks very well, but he is young and might not be very imposing before the Legislature. Brand Whitlock may be in Chicago for the 12th of February. He as you know makes a wonderful speech. Shall we try for him? My experience with Legislatures is that they really like best to have people from the State do the talking. However of that you will know better than I.

With sincere regret that I cannot come, I am

Faithfully yours,

*James Addams*  
*P. O. Box - 6*  
*115 Cabernet at least*

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1913.

My dear Miss James.

At Mrs. Chynoweth's suggestion I am writing to say that I have arranged for luncheon to be served at the Woman's Building Tuesday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at half after twelve. The luncheon will be served in the

small dining room which  
seats fifty easily!

Mrs. Jenner the lady in  
charge wishes a guarantee  
of a certain number at  
fifty cents a plate.

Will you kindly let  
me know if this is  
satisfactory, and how  
many guests from

out of the city you expect.  
and any other arrangements  
you may wish.

Sincerely

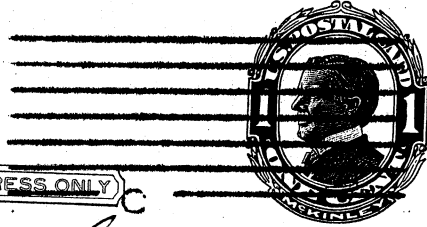
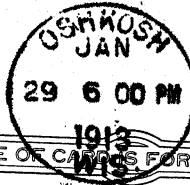
Helene H. Dexter

Mrs. A. H. Dexter

621. N. Henry St.

Madison Wis





THIS SIDE OF CANVAS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. Adm. G. James  
Richland Center  
Wisconsin

Yours of Jan. 28 at hand.  
You did just right. I  
am delighted with the  
present promise of  
getting somewhere.

Yours truly  
Jan. 29, '93 R. C. S. Grant



Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1913.

My dear Miss James.

At a meeting of  
the Danvers Co. Equal Suffrage  
League held this afternoon  
it was unanimously decided  
that the luncheon on Tues  
day Feb 4<sup>th</sup> should be  
complimentary to the members  
of the two other societies.

It gives me great pleasure  
to give you this message.  
If you have any sug-  
gestions, as, to any thing,  
to offer I will be glad  
to hear from you.

Sincerely

Helen F. Dexter

Mrs. A. F. Dexter  
621 N. Henry St  
Madison Wis

Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 29, 1913.

My Dear Miss James:

Mrs. Gudden has written you today, but neglected to say this to you which she thinks is very important and has asked me to do it for her. She thinks it is very necessary that the presentation of the Suffrage Bill either the old one or a new one come before the convention on Tuesday, before Miss Brooks gives her address, and then when she speaks have her speak to the bill. Mrs. Gudden calls this, "The First Shot in Our Campaign."

Trains run very inconveniently from here to Madison, but I will try to get there for the morning meeting. Mrs. Gudden is recovering slowly and hopes to go down to Madison, and Miss Swart will be there a part of Wednesday. I showed her your letter last evening. She is glad of this Union. I hope I will be of service to you, and will see you next Tuesday.

Very truly,

*Sarah S. James*

H. W. WILEY  
1848 BILTMORE STREET  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 29, 1913.

**Madam:**

It is extremely important that we know as soon as possible how many marchers will come from your organization for the Woman Suffrage Procession on March 3rd.

In a letter which has just appeared in the Woman's Journal rates for large contingents were offered at \$1.00 apiece a night without meals. This has proved to be too low an estimate for comfortable accommodations. These cannot be secured for less than \$2.00 apiece.

The Bureau of Social Requirements of this city, at 924 17th St., agrees to place large parties in comfortable dormitory accommodations at the rate of \$2.00 apiece a night, without meals.

If a large contingent is planning to come from your locality could you let me know as soon as possible and just how large the number of people will be. Such parties will be located and comfortably housed at the rate mentioned above by the Bureau of Social Requirements.

There is still a considerable amount of boarding house accommodation for parties of two, four, eight and ten at rates ranging from \$1.00 up, without board.

Very truly yours,

*Anna H. Wiley*  
Chairman, Hospitality Committee

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE  
DARLINGTON, WIS.

June 29/13

Dear Miss Garner:

Your letter & enclosure  
came yesterday. We are all very much  
interested in them. I am rightly glad  
of the turn the affair has taken because it  
looks more like a real union than could  
possibly have been effected under the  
old conditions.

Harriett is still with us & will be until  
come back from Madison. We do not think  
it ~~was~~ wise for her to go with me because  
she cannot get around seeing many  
people. She has improved greatly and  
will come out all right. She was a  
comfort to us during our trouble.

There will be two of us from Burlington  
at the Madison meeting - Mr. E. V. Hooper  
and myself and Mr. Harry Martin is



DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE

DARLINGTON, WIS.

already there. I have sent notices to all  
the county papers of the conference and urged  
a large attendance.

I shall be so glad to see and know you  
better and this meeting will give me  
opportunity for that.

I shall write to-day for reservations at  
the Park Hotel. Please do you expect-

to be?

DR. LEAH MORTON COOPER  
1217 W. 17TH ST.

I believe we will have a mighty  
interesting meeting.

Very cordially

Yours  
Leah M. Cooper

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE  
DARLINGTON, WIS.

ments.

The development in each county of local speakers who could take care of small gatherings, such as lodge meetings, Rural School house meetings, Institutes etc.

One State organization with possibly sub-associations as College League etc.

Very truly,  
Jean M. Cooke  
Chairman for Lafayette County.

# Ohio Woman Suffrage Association

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HEADQUARTERS: MASONIC BLDG., WARREN, OHIO January 29, 1913.



Miss Ada L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

So glad to get your letter. Glad to read what you wrote about the Socialists and have asked Mrs. Bloor to look in to things and give us all more information after she has been in Wisconsin. Mrs. Bloor is a good Socialist and a good suffragist and she ought to be able to help both of us. Yes men can resolute and endorse and do all kinds of things but when <sup>is</sup> ~~it~~ a question of beer or no beer then that makes a difference.

I was so glad that you said what you did about our Ohio workers and I have copied that little paragraph and sent it to the five women. It will do them good and it does us good. I was glad to have you say what you did about Helen Todd and Margaret Haley. I feel that Margaret Haley by disobeying orders really lost us one county. I do not think, now, that she meant to do it but she just got in a state of mind and knew only Cincinnati and would not come to Youngstown where there was a banquet of single taxers awaiting her and where there was a Catholic German picnic. A difference of only a little over two hundred votes would have carried that county and she easily could have made that. As for Helen Todd, I think she was the biggest jack-ass, I don't know any other word to express it, that we had in the campaign. She was incompetent, impudent and all kinds of things. You see she had sort of lost her head by her success in California. Anyway we had such a lot of speaking and

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so much help and we had very little that was troublesome so I do not think about it at all. Of course it sometimes tease me when I hear that Miss Todd says that I did not know how to run a campaign. However that all goes in with the battle. Yes, I know that Illinois gave lots of money and help to Wisconsin. I sometimes felt as if they might have given us a little something but Mrs. Stewart gave us some time and that with Margaret Haley was about all we got from them. Yes we do need a confidential bureau and yet I declare sometimes people work well for one person or under certain circumstances and do not for another so I wouldn't be sure of it even if I did say that some were good and some were bad. It sort of is like recommending cooks or workmen, it doesn't always work.

I do wish something could be done to get <sup>W</sup>Miss Brown out of the harness. The poor soul, I feel sorry for her, I know just exactly how she feels and yet I do not believe that you will ever get suffrage in Wisconsin until there is some other method and some other things done there. But of course if you cannot manage it yourselves nobody can manage it so there is the end of it, too bad.

We are getting on first rate in Ohio and really are starting quite a little campaign. If we only could win and get the thing done it just seems to me I would do something desperate.

Cordially yours,

HTU-R

Harriet Taylor Upton

The Wisconsin  State Journal  
RICHARD LLOYD JONES, EDITOR

MADISON, WISCONSIN 1/30/13

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wisconsin,

Dear Miss James:-

Thank you for your cordial note of the 28th. I want to accept your invitation and to speak to your political equality league at their convention here next week but I do not know just what your expectations from me are. You say to discuss the press and equal suffrage. This means, I take it, that I am not to do anything formal, such as to make an address or read a paper. If I am right in this I will accept you invitation very gladly though I do not know that there is very much that I can give to any discussion of this subject but I will be glad to participate in the discussion and to lend any suggestion that I may have. All that I have to offer is that I am for it and my paper is for it.

With high hopes for the cause,

Very sincerely yours,



# NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

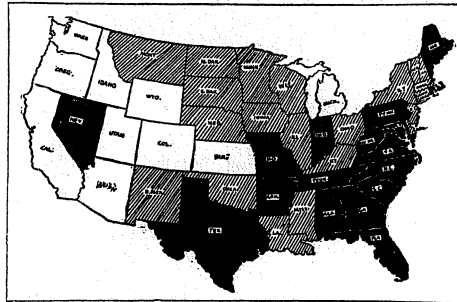
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Jan. 30, 1913.

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Centre,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Ada James:-

We are just about to place an order with the manufacturer for a quantity of Votes for Women playing cards. So far as we know they have not been produced in this country, and there is every indication that they will be exceedingly attractive and popular, since such an enormous proportion of the feminine population plays whist.

These cards when they are to be on sale two months from now will be listed in the catalogue at the following prices:-

25¢ per pack.  
\$2.25 per dozen.  
17.50 per hundred

But if your Association wishes to place an order for a hundred or more packs they may be had at the rate of \$15.00 per hundred. This special offer is good until February 15th.

Please answer promptly if you wish to place an order. By securing on this low wholesale rate, you see you will be able to sell at retail and make a very good profit.

Faithfully yours,

Mary Ware Dennett

Corresponding Secretary.

Jefferson, Wis. Jan. 31, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> received. I intend to be present at the coming convention, but at this date can not certify Mrs. Hazelwood's presence.

I am delighted that you have shown Judge Rogier special courtesy. I feel sure that it has not been misplaced.

Cordially yours,  
Rose M. L. Siefert.



# Illinois Equal Suffrage Association

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938 Fine Arts Building

Telephone Harrison 3856

Chicago January 31, 1913.



Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:--

I have put you down to speak the first afternoon, to lead the discussion on the question, "Shall there be one State Suffrage Organization or more?" I am going to ask Miss Eacker, of Kansas, also to speak on that question. Thursday afternoon we want you to give the report of the Wisconsin campaign, we might say, "Lessons from the Wisconsin Campaign," and I also want you to speak on "The Recognition of our enemies and their Methods."

Please send me your picture and a little biographical sketch for the newspapers, and also be prepared to hand us your notes, or manuscript, for we want to publish extracts at least from the discussions at the Conference. The delegates will be entertained by the St. Louis women. Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours most cordially,

*Ella S. Stewart*

Chairman of Committee.

*546 1/2 Jefferson Av.*

Chambers of County Judge

CHARLES B. ROGERS, Judge

Jefferson, Wisconsin

Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Jan. 31, 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

My Dear Miss James:-

Nothing would please me better than to accept the kind invitation extended by you and Miss Zona Gale to be present at the joint sessions of the Womens Suffrage Association and the Political Equality League to be held at Madison next Tuesday and Wednesday and to ~~take~~ talk at the luncheon Tuesday noon. I find it, however, impossible to be present, as I have terms of the probate Court at Jefferson on Tuesday and at Watertown on Wednesday and find it impossible to adjourn the hearings.

I hope that the two separate organizations will be able to get together, as I think that the work will be more effective in that way. I doubt whether it is advisable to resubmit the question in Wisconsin at once. I doubt whether it would carry, and think it would be better to wait two years or four years to get the benefit of educational work in the meantime and of the example of other States which will undoubtedly adopt it. If I can possibly arrange it I will try to come over Tuesday afternoon and be there at the mass meeting in the evening. I am,

Very truly yours,

Charles B. Rogers.

Peshigo - Wis.

Jan 31-1913.

Dear Miss James.

Your card at hand,  
It will be impossible for me  
to be with you, at Madison Feb. 4 & 5th.  
Much as I would like to.

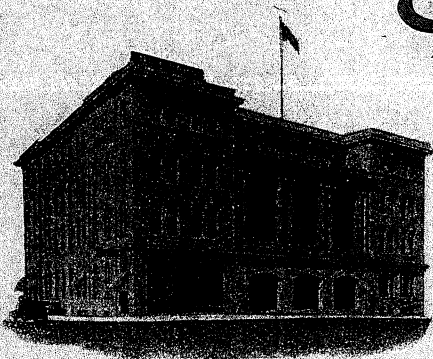
I have charge of a jewelry store  
here, my son and daughter are at  
school, and my husband will be  
away the month of Feb. on a  
business trip. So I will wish  
you a successful convention, and  
be with you in spirit.

Respectfully

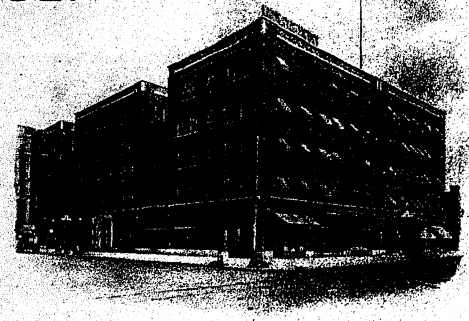
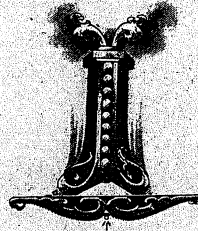
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VIRGINIA HOTEL, COLUMBUS OHIO.

*Madison, Wis.*

January **191**  
 Thirty-first,  
 1913.

Miss Ada L. James,  
 Richland Center,  
 Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

I am in receipt of your card this morning, and regret to note that you have not received the programs which I sent you. I am enclosing herewith twenty-five of same, and hope you will receive them OK.

I still have on hand quite a large number of the Calls and Programs, after enclosing same in the envelopes you left with me and forwarding \$350 of each to Mrs. Benedict. If you will kindly advise me disposition of these, I will attend to your instructions immediately.

Thanking you for your kind indulgence in this matter, and hoping you will receive the ones I am sending you today OK, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Mattie L. Quintus*

1864 Wyoming Ave  
Washington D.C. Jan 31-1913

Dear Miss James, -  
Thank you for the  
good news. It is fine  
and I say three cheers  
for Zona Gale and Ada James.  
I am asking the Headquarters  
to send you an announcement

in regard to the Suffrage  
Parade here the 3rd  
of March which I hope  
will reach you in time  
to be read at the ~~opportune~~  
moment in the Convention  
My heart is with you

Yours always  
Belle C. LaFollette

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January 31. 1913

Dear Miss James,

Your note received, I did not come down to the office yesterday, hence the delay.

I suppose I will speak on the Press if you wish, but I thought Miss Newman was going to take that, as she is the Editor of the state paper.

However, I will do the best I can on short notice, probably ten minutes will be long enough, you did not say.

I hope the meeting will be a success in every way,

Sincerely,

(Mrs H. M. ) Helen A Holton,

Cor. Sec'y Wis. W. S. A.

2317. Prairie St.

[1913, Jan.]

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My dear Miss James:  
I am sending part  
of Mrs. Benedict's letter,  
that item~~s~~ about the  
things at Mr. B.'s mother's  
house, had better be in  
your keeping. The  
bank balance is  
about \$5. — and



I send you the bills,  
that Mrs. Benedict said,  
there was no hurry about  
paying; when the  
combining of the two  
associations has been  
satisfactorily accomplished  
they can be attended to.  
I hope you are well, busy  
as ever, I suppose.

Very sincerely

Ever Charles Hubusch

[1913, ca. Jan.]

My Dear Miss James

Do you think  
it would be an addition  
to the Convention to have  
singing to open the afternoon  
sessions if I could get it?

The New Park Hotel can  
accommodate 40 or 50 guests  
next Tuesday & Wednesday.  
Rooms for \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day.

I have not heard from  
Miss Sabie has - you? I hope  
arrangements are going on  
nicely. How you learned  
the feeling of the Legislature  
the question is constantly  
asked "will they ~~constantly~~  
~~and~~ pass a bill?"

Yours sincerely,

Edna E. Cynow

P.S.  
Better telephone reply  
regarding music?

[1913, Jan.]

Sunday P. M.

Dear Ada -

This may be a "stuck-up"  
letter for Sam making taffy  
as I write. Sam makes it  
for a cough medicine. Everyone  
around here is coughing like  
the whooping cough children  
and nothing seems to stop  
them.

We are still wondering if  
there is to be a meeting in  
Madison next week. I presume  
you do not intend to have it.

at that time or we should have heard before this. Dr. Coak was planning to go.

Had a letter from some of the Superior people yesterday and they are ready to go to work again and under the League.

Mr. Cator wants me to ask you the address of Progress. He intends to subscribe for it.

He is not at all well although I think he is slightly better today. He has been unable to move from his room since Mrs. Cator's death.

The two doctors were quite sick with grip last week but are better now, although the coughs hang on.

Saw the only one who escaped.

I expected to go home before this but I have to go when everyone is feeling so blue and sick. I think I shall go at the end of this week.

My pen is on a strike so I'm going to stop. Anyway I think the Taffy is ready to pull.

Write and let us know about things.

Lovingly  
Harriet.

[1913, Jan. ?]

Wednesday, January 22.

10:00\*-- Call to Order by Mrs. Chynoweth.

Election of temporary Chairman ( Mrs. Chynoweth would be my ch

Appointment of Secretary

Statement of proposed meeting by Chairman

Roll call by County ( To know how generally the state is represented)

Report on Finances- Miss Willis  
Mrs. Inbush  
Miss Heide  
Mr. Bartelt

Financing a campaign, general discussion.

NOON

2:00--- Plea for One Organization-----Zona Gale

Miss Stearns  
Miss Heide  
Mr. Bartelt

Discussed by Miss James

W.W.S.A.  
P.E.L.  
A. S.  
M.E.S.L.

Report of recent Campaign & Recommendations For Future

Campaign for MSn by Men ----- ~~Richard Lloyd Jones~~ <sup>S.M.</sup>

*Martha Bradford*

Brief Reports and Suggestions from County Chairmen

Press Work \*\*\*\*\* Miss Newman, Mrs. Youmans

General Discussion and appointment of Committees-

Fola LaFollette  
Milwaukee Normal  
Oshkosh "  
Downer  
Lawrence  
Carrel

Dinner College League

Evening 8:00 Assembly Chamber---- Brand Whitlock

THURSDAY? JANUARY 23

9:00 Literature----- *Mary & Bradford*

Suffrage Reading Rooms, Their use-----Mrs. Geo. Peckham

Work Among the Germans -----Mrs. B. C. Gudden

Our DEfeat as Seen by Miss Stearns, Miss Heide & Miss James

*Linda Rhodes*

Field Werk -- Miss King, Miss Curtis & Mrs. McCreery.

Report of Committees

Nominations

Elections

[1913, Jan.]

Dear Miss Jones:

I think that Mrs.  
Quackenbush and I  
shall both come over  
to the Madison meeting.  
This is January 23, I  
believe. Will you please  
let me know how many  
sessions there will be,  
and the hours and  
the place of meeting? -  
Sincerely yours, Mrs. Gale

[1913, Jan.]

Worcester  
Tuesday.

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Dear Miss Jones:

I tried to get you on  
the telephone to-night and  
failed to find you, and  
I am not sure that my  
letter of last Saturday  
found you. I am sending  
some suggestions to  
Mrs Benedict and she  
will be with you or  
know how to reach you.  
Good wishes and greeting.  
Faithfully yours, Mrs Gale



[1913, Jan.]

Dear Miss James:

What a nice letter--and a beautiful message to me, which I enjoy just as much as if I deserved it. And I am thinking that that morning meeting of ours was well worth while ,if for nothing else than itself.

If Miss Rhodes cannot be on the programme, will you ask Mrs. Nellie King Donaldson in her place? They think she should be on the programme in any case. I do not know Mrs. Donaldson and, anyway, will you write to her? And they suggest, Mrs. Holton if Miss Newman cannot come--so will you ask her also? If both these are satisfactory to you.

Miss Nellie King  
Mrs. Holton

agree about  
the interviews

If Mrs. Morris cannot come, what would you think of Dr. Updyke to preside? He is right there on the ground--and he is so big and still and true! I suppose the president of the Madison League should open the meeting and ask for the nomination of the chairman, don't you think so?

As to the constitution, isn't the one put in shape by the two boards the one that shall be read there --with the understanding that it is to be ratified by both boards after the proper length of time has expired as called for by the W. W. S. A. constitution? And the same with the officers.

~~Is there any~~

Miss Stearns writes that she will be in Hurley. Have you thought of anyone to take her place? How is Mrs. Bleyer?

I am anxious to know what your board say to our hope of slipping over the term "dissolve" and letting the new constitution do the work, while allowing us our common tradition. Not that it matters-- that meeting is going by the force of the great spirit that is back of the movement, if only we can get out of the way and let it.

I haven't thought of anything else to be done--I think your telegram to Miss Addams was just right. Do as you think best about Mrs. Avery. I do not know her at all, save in name.

My greeting and my thought--

Faithfully yours,

*Zona Gale*

Portage: Tuesday:

[1913, Jan.]

Dear Lady, I've been ill  
in bed with grippe - I'm  
so sorry not to be being  
more help. I have  
this this morning -  
we can find the right  
one after we get over  
this perhaps. Maybe  
Dr. Ross for one session?  
Why not Raymond Robbins  
in the evening anyway?  
Dr. Jane Adams herself?

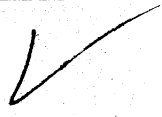
I can come over Monday  
afternoon. Let me know  
where you will be.

Truly yours -

Lora Gale

Why not take a collection  
Tuesday night - or then  
if we have to, make an  
appeal for subscriptions  
Wednesday? - Forgive this  
scrawl.

1913, Jan.



*How about  
the Convention*

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Ada dearest:

Can you tell me some of the needs of the country woman and the woman of the small town, I mean in a social and political way. That is: What would the country and small town woman do with the ballot if they had it. Also what do you think is the first thing women will do if they have the ballot.

I am delighted to say that I am helping a little with the new department which has to do with women in addition to the other work of which I told you. I can easily do both, after the training I had in a certain busy office in Milwaukee, and I confess I can't keep out of the woman's end of the business, so whatever I can do I am going to do.

Miss Katherine Leckie is the editor of the department and is one of the real women of this world. At present she is making sort of a summary of things, and we are reading all sorts of things and getting suggestions. Tell me what you think is worth reading along that line? Do you happen to have a copy of a leaflet about the farmers' wives, which we had in the office. I think anyway I can get one at the National.

I never have time to do all the things I want to do. If you were here I'd make you go picketing with me tonight and later to night court. Last night two girls were arrested on the corner where I picketed but we could do nothing for they had really assaulted a girl. We went to night court and they held off the case of the striking girls until the very end to tire people out.

Fola La Follette is making her influence ~~xxx~~ decidedly felt for good, since the first outrages of the policemen were perpetrated on the girls.

Excuse the mix up of English in the above sentences. I am dashing this off in a hurry so as to mail it before I leave.

*Much much love  
Helen*



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Dear Dr. Hall,  
Just this moment.  
I am going to  
Lunch with  
Mrs. D. Forester  
from

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

My dearest

I've thought every day of writing you a long letter and therefore have not dashed off a note of any kind. But I imagine you have been most busy if the Conference came off. I am dying to hear all about it and of course don't get the news in the New York papers - In Mrs. speaking of you the other evening in glowing terms, Mrs. Bishop Mrs. La Follette and I. The Woman's Suffrage Party put on force plays the other night and I went with Dexter Broady, the fact (the hats being called a party) and right behind us were Mrs. La Follette, Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse and Lincoln Steffens

We had a nights nice little party from Wisconsin and such a good time. The

plays were fine and surely worth  
sitting on <sup>in Wisconsin</sup> if you can get the manus-  
cript. They were "The Loser Wins" by  
Cleveland Hojsett. "Tradition" by

Geo. Middleton, a peach of a little sketch,  
and the names of the other two I've  
forgotten, one by Jane Stone and  
a parrot play by Mary Shaw. I can't  
find the program I saved for you.  
She acted in her husband's play and  
has by all odds the best actor on  
the bill.

Mrs. La Follette thinks it wise to go  
ahead with suffrage work and not  
try to unite now if Mrs. Brown  
insists upon dominating the W. W. S. A.  
But she thinks the uniting will come  
in time. Mr. La F. thinks Mr. Shores would

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an effort to get another bill through  
in Wisconsin. I still feel when I  
write you as if I were in the Wisconsin  
Campaign, though I also feel in  
the New York Campaign ~~too~~. The  
Women's Political Union is a  
thrilling affair. One night, <sup>just</sup> there  
were twelve groups of speakers who  
went out and talked from soap  
boxes. I introduced one of the speakers,  
Elizabeth Cook, who is a wonder. We  
had a fine crowd at the corner of 34<sup>th</sup>  
St and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and the crowd  
was so friendly, more so than our  
people in his country. Sentiment  
for suffrage has really grown more  
here than there, and the work shows



Then there was the ball, the most wonderful  
Suffrage affair I ever attended, democratic,  
informal and beautiful; Eight thousand  
people in attendance on floor  
and in the balconies. It was  
preceded by a program of dancing  
national dances by a troupe of 40  
people in costume. Over \$125 worth  
of literature was sold. I was one  
of 50 ushers. Another affair was  
a mass meeting of strikers at Coopers  
Institute, thousands attending. There  
were Suffrage speakers and a program  
of singing, <sup>of dancing.</sup> Madame Anna Saenz  
I got hundreds of signatures for the  
parade. I am sure I got at least  
one hundred girls to sign the slips  
I am also a member of a class to  
learn public speaking. Enjoy it all  
very much and one meets such  
nice people in Suffrage work.

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Is Crystal going to Washington? Rachel  
wrote me that she was but I haven't  
heard definitely. Edna Wright wrote  
me on her way to Pittsburg, where  
is Harriet Green? And Alice Curtis?  
Who are going to work in his cousin

Before I forget it do tell you  
just what my work at McClure  
is. I cut down the short stories  
which have appeared in the magazine  
and sell them to the newspapers.

The cost of each story averages about \$300  
to the magazine <sup>with illustrations</sup> and we hope to  
syndicate them <sup>after used in the magazine</sup> and collect at least 4  
a part of the cost. I have charge of  
the syndication department. Things  
don't hurry along as fast as it like

but I think and of course deeply hope  
that results will be satisfactory  
otherwise I may be back in Wisconsin  
again. Mr. Chamberlain of the East  
Div. High School has again extended  
my leave of absence, though I did  
not even suggest it, and as a  
consequence I have my job in Milwaukee  
for next September so as far as  
a living goes I have that assured.  
I am dying to be in Wisconsin  
right soon for a certain event in our  
family a wedding to happen ~~Jan~~ <sup>Feb.</sup>  
8. Whether mine or I feel that we  
can afford to go. Bob & Paul are to  
be married in ~~the~~ Chicago at Grace  
in order to simplify, because the  
number of guests and amount  
of preparation can in that way be  
greatly reduced. Bob is, however, in  
Madison at present making ~~his~~  
preparations for the big event.  
I haven't seen much of Fola La Foletta

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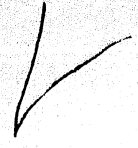
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because she has been so busy. I have seen  
Miss Michaelson several times and  
had lunch with the Eastmans. They  
are splendid. I think Max Eastman  
about the most wonderful man  
I ever knew.

I am getting quite a chance to see  
New York, already have a few  
beaux and they are mighty interesting  
and nice, and all for suppose for  
women. Donadio like a man if  
he were not.

I am as enthusiastic as ever about  
this place. It hasn't taken long for  
it to get in my blood and I feel  
as if I had lived here a long  
time. Our husband is away this  
week and next, but this morning

Ada dearest



Did you send me the papers from Madison about the convention. Some one did, not mother, and I suspect you. Thank you honey -

Our minds have been quite seriously upon a big event in the family so I neglected to send these letters to you. I might answer one of them but thought perhaps they had also written you and that there would be no need for two replies.

I am busy - busy, busy as usual. Would you believe I have several beaux and they keep me bumping from one theater to another or concerts, dances etc.. Also have been invited to clubs etc. as the Writers Club ~~to~~ to which Trine and I are going to be proposed as members. Its a gay mad whirl and I love it. I have been, of course, to several suffrage meetings, Fola and Max Eastman spoke at one last Monday etc. its to be a big meeting and later -

Just you were here first then  
much love with me  
with a suffrage dance to both of which Mr. & Mrs. are going

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WAUKESHA, WIS.,

Has the League any letter files left over,  
more than you want.

What is the official name of the society  
of which we are the head.

Mrs. Snowden of England comes to Chicago  
February 17.

When we order stationery, is this general  
style good enough?

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Dear Miss James.

I at least see clearly that I cannot under any circumstances take the presidency of the association. This is positive. I ought to have known it before.

I am still at 9 a m uncertain about coming. Mr. Baight is my lod. Don't depend upon me for anything. The most I can do is to give a little unaided talk on press work.

In great haste

Theodora W. Yumans

[1913, Jan.]

Dear Lady: We were so deeply sorry to miss you yesterday--both at the meetings in the day, and after the afternoon meeting when we all trailed down to the Park only to find you gone. This is just a hurried word to tell you that I hope you are well--and how glad I am about the Executive Secretary arrangement, which gave us both you and Mrs. Youmans.

It was really rather funny--to have the convention indeed come off, but the two who called it not able between them to get to one full half of the meetings. However, we got to enough, between us!

I want you to know how tremendously I appreciate your spirit and your whole generosity and ~~and~~ toleration; and especially the perfect sweetness of your withdrawing that first call. You were all fine, and I'm so glad that the days have served to let me know you better.

Get well now!

Faithfully yours,

*Mr. Gale*

*Thurday*

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[1913, Jan.]

Dear Miss James:

Thank you so much  
for your letter. -

I wish that I might go  
to Philadelphia - but I  
am afraid that I shall  
hardly get east until  
later than next week. Do  
not count on me. If I

can go I shall go - I  
should be in Baltimore

next Tuesday, also I can  
manage.

As to the national  
membership, I think the  
Columbia County association  
has more than 100 members.  
I will ask Mrs. Duclenbach  
to write to each committee  
in the county and propose  
the membership, and I  
know that the County Postage  
organization would turn  
in all that it has left  
when the last expenses of  
the campaign are settled.

But we have been having  
two baking sales to stre  
out that. I will let  
you know as soon as I  
know.

As to the state president,  
I would of course suggest  
you. - I do long for the  
union of the two organizations -  
though. I can't help that!

If you follow the  
Madison plan, do get a man  
to head the press committee.  
Richard Lloyd Jones himself  
ought to do that. But any-  
way a man. I feel most

strongly that we must  
enlist more men in this  
new campaign - men  
speakers, men couriers,  
men chairmen, men  
leagues, men's everything - men  
on our committees too. That  
is only good psychology -  
for men can convince men  
better than women, at  
this stage of the world -  
all good wishes - and  
the assurance of most  
hearty co-operation.

Faithfully yours, Lina Gale

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WAUKESHA, WIS.,

Dear Miss James.

Zona Gale's letter is certainly fine. It surely is best to let the rank and file have a voice in the important matters under discussion. Still I don't quite see how the old suffrage organization is to be dissolved if the powers of that organization are positively opposed to it, as they seem to be, in face of the conditions. However I am more than willing to try and it is manifestly best for both societies to call the meeting.

I had thought, in face of what seemed to me the continuance of the two organizations, that the matter of the presidency would be solved in the best and easiest way. You should remain at the head of the Political Equality League. You are the best possible one, and I should not consider any other except for that proposition to the suffrage association whereby we sacrifice our best if the old association will sacrifice what perhaps it considers--as we do not--its best.

If the convention decides to appeal to the legislature this year and go on with an active campaign at once, I could not possibly think of taking the presidency, if it were offered me. It would be out of the question for me to assume the work that the president should and must be able to do.

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WAUKESHA, WIS.,

I am going to say frankly, and you will believe that perosnla consid-  
eration has nothing to do with my opinion, that this does not seem to me  
best. The results of the abeaction show what we have to face--not the  
conversion of a few votes<sup>f</sup> but of a large minority of the voters of the  
state. It will in my opinion take a long time<sub>q</sub>. We cannot win at once.  
The results in other states, not naturally so opposed to woman suffrage  
as is this state, will help us here. The people of this state must getu  
used to the idea --. We must keep up work of course, steadily, and at  
as high pressure as we can manage, but it does not seem to me best  
to think of forcing a vote in two years . It seems to me that our first  
need will be money to pay an organizer who can keep going through the  
state and building up a foundation for the future. As you know  
I am absolutely N.G. in raising money.

What time do you plan for the meeting at which you suggest that  
I speak. I find that I cannot come to Madsion as early as planned.  
The probate court hearing is at ten and it must not be postponed.  
I can leave here at half past one and reach Madsion about four.

Will be at the Park Hotel. Hope you will also.

With love

*Helena M. Youmans*

Wednesday - [1913? ca.  
Jan.]

Cida - you dear -

You make me ashamed  
of myself. Since you &  
June got together I thought  
she would ~~help~~ and  
I have felt less respon-  
sible. To-morrow I'll  
put in the whole day  
at it and try to get  
up a real delegation  
from Milwaukee.  
Anyhow. - I have done my

beat with the papers; but  
you know how they  
act. You've got to think  
up something new for  
them every day. But I'll  
go to it again.

Getting my mother in  
law off on her vacation,  
running the house  
and getting ready  
to clean up and  
go away have taken  
lots of my time since  
I saw you. And then





of fun over that at  
any rate. Let me know  
if you think we  
better switch to that &  
to get some from  
here to go out. I think  
it would have a good  
effect on the legislature.

In morning I suggested  
a letter to the Board  
members. I meant just  
carbon copies anyhow.  
Everything you did was

all right.

I'll try to raise money  
at the convention - any-  
how I'm going to  
work out a financial  
scheme for support of  
the state works and  
try to get them adopted  
it.

The aim to get word  
to them that the meetings  
are to be in the Woman's  
Bldg. - Paul that in  
the final program.

Altho' wife its naive.

Alice Curtis ought  
to be there - and she  
could speak on College  
Masters. Her's at the  
Normal was the  
only decent one.

I want them to engage  
her, as she salaried had

for the coming

year, if they can

get together and

guarantee her salary.

I would be splendid

and I think ~~could~~  
be a ~~write~~. He write  
to me ~~to come~~ to the  
convention sure &  
to prepare a bill on  
that subject. - I'll try  
to get a man for the  
Thurs League, but I

believe Fred Mac Kenzie  
of La Follette ~~is~~  
is good, & I can't  
get a bigger name -  
How late - chris  
up - I'll do my best -  
Coryat

Aida - we are now  
Incorporating on the  
Program - don't pay  
any attention to them  
if you don't like  
them, let me have  
definite additions  
to the program daily,  
so that I can have  
an excuse to go to the  
papers.

Worship Marshall be  
there to talk there's  
Inauguration - not Randolph

either? Let me just  
know just who is  
surely coming, so  
I can help you fill  
in gaps.

You might try Prof.  
W. Thomas of  
Chicago University  
for the Enc. meeting.  
He's a great psychol-  
ogist & I understand  
a first rate English  
Speaker.

←

— Tuesday

[1913]

Dear Ada,

Today, I have worked hard getting off the notices and going through our boxes in Mrs. Peckham's cellar for cuts. I am sending all that could possibly be of use to Mrs. Beyer. Maud has been helping. She's lots of fun and ever good help. - I am trying to



Thinks up newspaper stories  
& advertises the scheme.  
Takes the whole Washing-  
ton business into Thandi's  
hands, telling her she  
could make a fine  
minute speech at the  
convention about it.  
She is trying to get  
25 to go and then  
they can get a special  
car and make some-  
thing of it. That will  
make good newspaper

stuff. They want me to  
be one of the fine heralds  
in the procession - He  
use that too, always trying  
to give the conventional  
herald.

I told all the board  
about ~~the~~ <sup>the joint call</sup> and everybody  
is happy. I think Leticia  
knows so little about  
the matter that she "balled  
things up" with the best  
intentions in the world.

I can't find any  
pictures or cuts of us -

I don't know what  
Hara did with them.

Send news from Edna  
Wright. Tell me what  
else Jim & do.

You and Zona take  
ought to make a great  
team -  
Crystal.

President, the Rev. Olympia Parsons being made  
Honorary President of the new organization.

These, you will realize, are important con-  
cessions on the part of the P. E. L. which  
we are glad to make to your older society,  
without asking any equivalent concession  
from you. But it is our unanimous  
judgement that a formal dissolution of  
both existing societies is absolutely es-  
sential to the harmonious and effective  
work of the future organization.

Our final proposition for union, there-  
fore, is this: -

The W. W. S. A. and the P. E. L. shall formally  
dissolve. A mass meeting shall then be  
~~called~~<sup>held</sup>, to which all suffragists in the state  
shall be welcomed, for the purpose of  
forming a new state suffrage organization.

The constitution of the new organization,  
the election of its officers, and all questions  
of future policy and method shall  
be left in the hands of this body.

Every person taking part shall have  
one vote, and shall act as a citizen of his-  
consin interested <sup>woman</sup> in suffrage, not as a  
member or delegate of any former suffrage  
organization. The only limitation upon  
the action of this body shall be the tacit  
understanding among us all that  
neither Mrs. Barrow nor Mrs. Willis  
nor Mrs. James nor Mrs. Benedict  
shall be active officers, that Mrs. Barrow  
shall be elected Honorary President,  
and that the \_\_\_\_\_

name of the organization shall be the "WISCONSIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION".

With the earnest hope that you will agree with us as to the wisdom of this plan, and that we may work together harmoniously for suffrage, we are

Very Sincerely Yours,

Ada L. James

Mary G. Upham

Elisabeth G. Peckham

Ella C. Inbusch

Theodora M. Youmans

Myrtle Baer

Mildred L. Thanhouser

of the  
Executive Board of the  
Political Equality League

*Crystal Eastman Benedict*  
*Acting Secretary*



[ca. 1913]

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mutually refused.

"We all know of her strenuous life for the past year, her personal sacrifices, her trials, her unflinching efforts amid all kinds of discouragements

To her we wish to say, well done, and welcome home,

where we know her heart is,

2d We wish to make this an occasion to express our gratitude to those <sup>gentlemen</sup> of our locality, who by their manly outspoken words of approval, have aided us in our one sided battle,

"Woman's cause is man's cause; but too many do not give it a thought. We wish also to thank ~~our~~ the Pastors



[ca. 1913]

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of the several churches for  
their words of cheer, also  
those who have urged the  
justice of our claim in other  
public places, and have given  
time and money without  
 stint,

To every man who has  
advocated in any private way  
our thought, or has without  
ostentation put a pink ballot  
in the box on election day,  
we owe a vote of thanks,

We have profited by  
their influence. They have  
profited by the personal sense  
of doing the just thing.

We believe with  
Emerson.

[ca. 1913]

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"As God lives all good is permanent" so no true effort is in vain.

While we naturally feel keenly the defeat of our measure, we might strengthen our hope by this parody of these well known lines and say "What though 'tis, be lost - All is not lost -"

And proceed under head 3 to consider consolation, and eliminate the condolence.

4 states have gained what 'tis, has lost, their cause is ours, so we have four parts of cheer to one of grief.

Every state added to the suffrage list makes the next victory easier.

We naturally feel when

[ca. 1913]

5-

thinking of their victory (ours  
our defeat, like saying, Why?

Were their men more  
loyal, or their women more  
in earnest, or did they play  
better <sup>game of</sup> politics

Did they have a little pink  
ballot as a target to pierce  
with a bullet on which was  
written no?

Let us inquire when  
we send our congratulations.

I am sure Miss  
Ada has found much perso-  
nal compensation, for work  
effense and seeming defeat  
in intercourse with, and  
the friendship of co-workers,  
for a sense of stronger self

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relience, in the deeper insight into Public affairs, in a new realization of the nobleness as well as the smallness and meanness of humanity.

She must realize, as never before the need of stimulating the minds of the mass of women as well as men, to higher ideals, to broader ambitions, the need to awaken them to possibilities of life.

Truly the field is wide and the laborers are few;

How can one with the broader vision stop?

Miss Ada cannot stop, she must rest, and wait, and when she again, as she must

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Let no one believe we are  
cast down, but in the  
words of the Pilgrim Hymn  
let it be said of us,

Not as the flying crowd,  
In silence and in fear,  
They will make us ring  
With hymns of lofty cheer

Nov 9 1912  
After defeat of woman's  
suffrage on referendum