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Racine, Wis. Nov. 8, 1912.

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Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association
By

Mrs. H. M. Holton
Corresponding Secretary



MERRILL, WIS. Nov. 8, 1912.

Political Equality League
 Milwaukee, Wis.

To the Secretary, Dear Madam: Kindly
 send me your literature on the
 subject of equal suffrage. Tho we
 did not succeed this time we have
 wakened and would like to learn
 more of the facts.

Yours truly

Mrs. W. G. Adams.

Whitewater, Wis.,
Nov. 8, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Benedict,

I suppose we must concede by this time that we have really lost in Wisconsin, though I have not been able yet to see much about it in any paper that I could get hold of. That means of course pull away at it again. I am glad to say that we shall have some money left after expenses are paid here to send to you beyond what the cards come to that we ordered. We do not have a meeting till Tuesday, however, so it will be Wednesday of next week before we can get it to you. Shall we send it to the old address?

It has been somewhat of

a satisfaction to us to find that we won out in every precinct here. We had two women at each place all day and most of them stayed all day, there being but few shifts. I don't know yet how the county went. La Grange women worked all day too and won two to me. I tell you this to let you know that we think your methods helped us to win here. I feel sure the first and third wards here would have gone against us if we had not stood by all day. I think the spirit of the women here is that "we have tasted blood" and can't stop now.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine M. Stule.

(Mrs. C. W. Stule).

6044 Prairie Avenue.

Chicago. Nov. 8th 1912. ~~1~~

My dear Miss James:

Please accept my Congrat-
ulations for yourself and
your associates in the League
for the splendid campaign
you made. It was to the
shame of Wisconsin that
it was not crowned with
success. I am sorry the
men of Wisconsin (the great
majority I mean) have
set such a low standard
for themselves. I do not, and

shall not, say nice things in
public or private, about our
Wisconsin men, from
La Follette down - or up.

While I am feeling just
this way, I want to write
an article ~~of~~ on the Wisconsin
campaign for the Record-
Herald. Would you send
me any stuff you would
like me to use in it?
I will say anything. I
would especially like to
have some facts concerning
the German-American
Alliance and the

Brecon.

I think the Milwaukee office
has some charges against me.
Please tell them to send me
the bill.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Barr
(Mrs. George Barr)

Mr. Cullack & Mr. Cullack,
LAWYERS.

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FRANK H. MCGULLOCH.
CATHARINE WAUGH MCGULLOCH.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 8, 1912.

Miss. Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss. James:--

In the midst of the rejoicing over the four suffrage states that have just won, you know how deeply we in Illinois are sympathizing with Wisconsin. The defeat seems to be ours as well as yours, for Illinois had pinned its faith so earnestly to Wisconsin; but I am not sorry that we did all we could for Wisconsin, for we are in a better position to appreciate your difficulties. The faithful selfsacrificing work, the time and money which you, dear girl, have put into this, will not be repaid to you as we all wished, with victory; but it is true that your conscience is now clear. If you had spent all that time and money on mere enjoyment, while Wisconsin women were struggling without your help, you would now be bitterly reproaching yourself for your selfishness. Your conscience is clear; you have done your best and angels could do no more. You have developed some splendid workers who would never have come into the organization if they had not known that the issue was to be settled speedily. Now you have their names and you know them so much better that you are in better shape for the second campaign than you were before.

When you get the courage to begin on another campaign, your Illinois sisters will stand by your side as faithfully as before. We are willing to work with you and trust you and your methods, and next time we may win.

Yours very truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

I hope we may see you in Philadelphia

221 Monona Avenue
Madison Wisconsin
November 9. [1912]

My dear Miss James -
Your communication
of November 7 - is received.

Our statement in the
general election pamphlet
regarding funds, was
based upon remarks made
by Mrs Crystal Eastman Benedict
in an address in New York City.

Very truly
Mary E. Hoyt (Mrs Frank W.)

Presbyterian Church

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN

MINISTER

839 MILTON AVENUE

Janesville, Wis. Nov. 9th 1912

My dear Miss James.

I prefer that the Convention to be called in Madison should meet in January rather than in December.

Did the plan to unite the two suffrage organizations fall thro & why?

The list of questions in regard to the "late campaign" will be answered & sent you by the 15th inst.

The two delegates from Janesville or Rock Co. are Mrs Janet B. Day & Mrs. J. W. Laughlin.

Presbyterian Church

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN
MINISTER
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[1912, Nov. 9]

The ~~alternates~~ ^{Hattie} are Miss Florence Palmer & Miss Alden, all of Janesville, Wis.

I hope you have observed that we carried Rank Co. almost "by the skin of the teeth." Beloit's workingmen saved the day & Janesville's saloon men turned us down by 11 votes. We have 56 saloons.

With best wishes

Mrs. J. W. Laughlin

Gen. B. Twitchell, M. D.,
845 Dayton Street.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 9, 1912

My dear Miss James,
I have been so busy since I came home doing little odds and ends, that I did not get to write to you. I worked at the polls on election day until nine o'clock and the attitude of the men, whom I was at Market and Martin was so very friendly that I can not understand why the amendment failed. I am so anxious to hear what you have to say about it. You surely were careful enough in every way. We felt that because of the spectacular campaign that we had, we lost votes, but you had nothing of that kind, and you were also so very careful of your speakers. One thing that we felt we ought to have done, it is the imprudence of not drinking German ^{just cannot say} and I am afraid that we shall never succeed in the states where there are such numbers of them as in Wisconsin and Ohio, until all the old ones have died out and we have educated

Gen. B. Twitchell, M. D.,

845 Dayton Street.

Cincinnati, O.,

These children to be different, I had such fine meetings Monday night, I never had more attentive audiences than those down town, and then too the attitude was friendly, not at all hostile. I had a fine trip home and saw Jane Adams. She had just returned and she ^{tr} felt confident that you were going to carry the amendment. I want to thank you all for your kind treatment of me. I shall always remember my trip to Wisconsin as one of the pleasantest recollections of my life.

If you evage another campaign and you think I can be of any service to you, I shall be glad to come and help you. Please remember me to all who my inquirers and especially to those whom I met in the office. I hope you have entirely recovered from your indisposition.

With lots of love to you, I remain
yours most sincerely

Mrs. G. B. Twitchell

✓
Home Terrace

Saratoga Cal. Nov. 10th 1912

Miss Ada L. James

President Political E. L.

Milwaukee Wis.

My dear Miss James, -

Words cannot
express my disappointment
over the defeat of Woman
Suffrage in Wisconsin -

but oh, how happy we all are
because of the four

victories! You dear
women of Wisconsin
had a tremendous
problem; you have

made a splendid fight,
and not a stroke of work
has been in vain - it will
all tell in another campaign
and the four victories
will hasten the day of yours.

I think often of my
lovely visit to your beautiful
city and of the earnest,
brilliant women whom I
met, (my charming hostess
whose address I have
hunted for in vain), and
I feel your disappointment
like a personal loss.

But I know you
will not falter and
that the victory is
only postponed

for just a little season.

With warmest regards and
grateful remembrances
I am Sincerely Yours

Elizabeth Low Watson

Maple Bluff Farm,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:

I did not intend that you should write me first, because I feel that the women of the state owe you a debt of gratitude that calls for immediate acknowledgment. Your letter touched me deeply. All I can say is that you can help the La Follettes best of all by keeping right on in the course you have been pursuing. From the beginning of our correspondence I have felt that you had a sound political judgment and a tact and understanding, together with a generous attitude of mind that made it especially fortunate that you should have charge of the suffrage work.

I wired you last night for data which I want to use in connection with the preparation of an editorial for the forthcoming issue of La Follette's. I have not been able to get any statistics excepting for Dane County. I have an idea that an analysis of the returns will show that we have received an encouraging vote. Probably the separate ballot worked against us. However, when it comes, we will have an educated constituency. Many women who were indifferent have told me that they would work another time. Our strength

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already, I believe, is greatly increased, and the result in other states will react strongly on Wisconsin.

You did splendid work, and I want you to feel how deeply grateful we are. The experience we have had is of immense value.

I think the most important work now is to study the results of the election just over, and get as large a list as possible by counties and precincts, of those who are in favor of suffrage. We have some names here as a result of the work that was done through Mr. La Follette's lists. It would be splendid if we could complete it, and have a few names at least, from every voting precinct.

Faithfully yours,

Bessie C. La Follette

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

10 November 1912.

P.S. I wired Mrs. Brown last night that it was impossible for me to consider accepting the presidency of the state association.

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Prarie du Chain, Wis.,
Nov. 11, 1912.

Miss A. L. James,
Milwaukee, Wis.,

Dear Miss James,

No doubt
you are too busy, to remember
me.

The ladies said, I must
write and remind you.
I worked every day, from
Oct. 22nd until election
day.

I worked two weeks before
Oct. 22nd for Mrs. Benedict
but she did not promise
me any pay.

I would not ask any compensation, but know of circumstances.

I certainly need aid.

My brother-in-law, who is agent for Chicago, Mil + St. P.R. says, we want speakers in Wis. who will speak German with the Germans and Boh. with the Boh.

Be sure and not have speakers who will speak away over their heads, but speakers, who they will understand.

Some of the foreigners are so illiterate.

Some German women to whom I went, seemed to think

I wanted their men to
vote for the d—, they
thot it so bad for women
to want to vote.

My brotherinlaw says, if
we keep it before the
public, we will get it the
next time.

I certainly hope so.

Hoping to hear from you,
I remain,

Very respectfully yours
Katherine Purkel.

The Political Equality League of Clark County.

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NEILLSVILLE, WIS.,

Nov. 11

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Miss Ada James,

My Dear Miss James;- Allow me to present to you (The Political Equality League of Wis) \$10 in behalf of. The Political Equality League of Clark Co.

We shall keep at work. Yours for a campaign and success in 1914.

(Miss) Effie E. Alt, Sec.

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Miss Ada James,
#445 Milwaukee St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sister Ada:-

I congratulate you on your victory. It was a victory to run such a splendid campaign. The next time you will win. Call on us in Illinois to help you if we are not too busy on a campaign of our own. You did splendidly, and I think you are more to be congratulated than most of the people who were running campaigns in the victorious states. We hope you will get it soon and come over and help us. I think this is one of the defeats that we must think of always all of us as a real victory, and four out of five after all, wasn't it glorious?

Cordially yours,

Anna E. Blount

Chairman Literature Department.

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My dear Miss Shaw:

Mrs. Benedict has probably made her report to you in person but I will supplement it in writing.

I have about concluded not to go to Philadelphia as so much remains to be done and I really think one of us, Mrs. Benedict or myself ought to remain in easy reach of the workers here. The letters are piling up on my table and they all are alike in tone, "What next?"

"We must not give up the fight".

And this I find most encouraging. The day after election, Mrs. Benedict, Miss Capen and I thought a convention ought to be held in Madison, either in December or January. We must have some noted speakers for evenings, probably two, and then hold a conference during the day. I am too full of plans to sleep. The Madison press is very friendly especially the State Journal. I think I will go down and see what arrangements we can make for space. I believe we can induce Zona Gale to form a State Press Committee.

In all probability this legislature will pass the initiative and referendum. In that case we can get busy in another year.

We must have new officers and push organization work. I am trying to get the local organizations lined up that we may know how many members we have and what our dues to the national are.

It is not expedient to say harsh things about Wisconsin women. We have many splendid progressive women but the proportion is small

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1912, Nov. 12

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE
DARLINGTON, WIS.

Nov 12/12

My dear Miss Jones:

I am writing you to-day
more especially to reply for Miss Grim to your
letter which came yesterday. The poor child
will not be able to take on auto trips or any kind
of a trip I fear, for a while.

Her nerve exhaustion is quite severe and
though she is better than when she came
she is utterly unable to do much of any thing.

We keep her in bed till noon and after lunch she comes to the office where she stays till we go to dinner. She goes to bed very soon after dinner.

We do not let people see her and do not let her read or write much, but in spite of this quiet she has several hours of exhaustion daily. Her mental condition is much better. We do not talk Suffrage matters with her any more than we can help. The girl has been poisoning her mind unwisely for so long a time that nature must now be paid in full for the

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE

DARLINGTON, WIS.

indications. She is a dear sweet person
and it makes my heart ache to see her in
such shape.

Dr. Lorton and I should like so much to talk
over matters with you concerning the election &
what is to be done in the future.

We feel very strongly that the separate ballot
was a great disadvantage to our side.

Perhaps I ought not to say so but I wish
Mrs. Benedict had ^{not} made the statement she

did in the Milwaukee Jews regarding the retail & wholesale liquor people. None of us can see the difference between the two associations. I know there could have been no agreement between us and any association and yet that was the implication.

I wish we could have given a larger majority in Lafayette County but we were glad to pull through. The total vote lacked only a few hundred of the total vote cast in the county which shows that general interest

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DARLINGTON, WIS.

~~in the~~ ^{was} taken in the referendum, but I am
sure if the measure had been on the
general ballot there would have been fewer
against and just as many for. Dr. Linton
has just come in & he tells me our vote was
158 less than the vote for Governor.

Do you happen to know whether the
measure in the other campaign states
was on separate ballot or not?

Michigan is every where state and I feel
proud she come out ahead. We have had
no little news here as to how the vote by counties
in the state went, but I suppose it will be
published in some paper before long. One of
our precincts ran out of pink ballots and
quite a number would have voted for who
were given no opportunity. I feel certain
that the vote was very carelessly handled
and counted. What do you think?

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE

DARLINGTON, WIS.

I hope it will be possible to amalgamate
the two state associations and I am quite
willing to disinvite Mrs. Brown but I am
not willing to do the same to you.

I will let you know later on how
Miss Grim is.

Very cordially
Jean M. Cooke

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November 12, 1912.

Mrs. Bruce R. Kester,
Vale, Oregon,

Dear Mrs. Kester:-

Enclosed find receipt for \$2.85 for
buttons.

I also wish to tell you how much we ap-
preciate the good work you did in your county to
help win the passage of our amendment granting
suffrage to the women of Oregon.

We , the equal suffrage clubs of Portland,
are going to have a big rally next Saturday evening
to celebrate our victory, also a grand banquet at the
Multnomah Hotel next Monday evening, at which we should
be very glad to have you present.

Trusting we may hear from you again, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe.

Acting President.

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Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association.

By *Mrs. H. M. Holton*
Corresponding Secretary.

Copy.

Iron River, Wis. 11/13/12.

Dear Miss James:-

The letter from the League concerning the consolidation of the two associations meets my approval. I shall so write Mr. Brown.

You might say ^{in fact} we have practically no organization. I have been doing what I could thru A. C. S. U. and committees appointed by the W. S. A.

As I am very busy with church and temperance work I do not know how much time I can put into the suffrage work, but I shall do what I can. If the

P.E.L. could perfect a county organization I should be very pleased. So far as I know every town in our county carried except one. In a few the vote was more than two to one in our favor.

Kindly let me hear from you again.

The reason we did not take Mrs. Bishop when you wired, was that Rev. Block had asked me to get a speaker for Bitternut if possible. I think she went there.

Very truly yours,
Mrs Lydia E Hopkins

[Nov 13 1912]

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New York City
Miss. O. de James *Att.*

They say we never paid dues hence cannot have representation at Convention. Ashley wired you October 24. last day of grace but never received dues if there are extenuating circumstances wire National and if possible send thirty dollars to be paid over if they allow us representation otherwise Olympia ~~to~~ Wisconsin. Crystal

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...OF...
SPENCER M. MARSH
POSTOFFICE BUILDING
NEILLSVILLE, WIS.

November 13, 1912.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Your letter received. We are sending to you under separate cover the August and September numbers of "Progress" which you kindly loaned to us. I owe you an apology for not returning them sooner. I subscribed for the magazine asking them to send me the August and September numbers but it must ~~have been~~ ^{had} they used them all up for they only sent me the October number.

We do not feel at all discouraged at the outcome of the election. I had expected the suffrage amendment would be defeated by at least two votes to one and I was not very much disappointed. We realize that it is necessary in a movement of this kind to carry on a campaign of education and I could see that it was impossible with the comparatively small number of workers and the small amount of funds at hand, to reach all parts of the State. I learn of many localities in Counties adjoining this one which had not been touched at all. I think you carried on an excellent campaign from headquarters. The women out through the State who were looking after the local work were not experienced campaigners as a rule and many of them did not realize the amount of work that was necessary in order to get a fair hearing on a question of this kind. I was surprised almost daily throughout the campaign at the ability manifested by the managers in your office along the line of practical campaigning. If you could have schooled your local workers so that they could have done equally good work the results would have been different.

A. J. 2.

I have felt so much elated over the result in the four States that won out that I am sometimes able to forget our defeat in Wisconsin. It demonstrates what all of us have been saying during the campaign, that suffrage is coming in every State in the Union, and it demonstrates that it is coming a little more rapidly than most of us have dared to hope.

I sometimes joke my progressive friends since election by reminding them that Wisconsin is progressive in politics just so long as the progressive measure does not in any way interfere directly or indirectly with the liquor interests, but that as soon as that special interest is touched we are at the rear of the procession of States, so far as progress is concerned. I shall dislike very much to see suffrage forced upon Wisconsin by the federal government but I am not at all certain but what that is the way we will get it in this State.

I have been trying for the past two years and more to get Senator La Follette to see that while he has been releasing the State government from the control of the Railway Companies and other public utilities, another special interest has gotten more complete control of the State government than the Railway Companies ever had. There is probably not a man in Wisconsin today who wields so much political influence as William Austin, the brewer/lobbyist. Until the government is released from his grip we will have to simply take whatever he hands out to us in the way of legislation.

Remember me kindly to your father, Senator James.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Marsh

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November 13th, 1912.

Dear member of the Executive Committee:-

Preceding the opening of the Convention,
the Executive ~~axmxxxx~~ committee will assemble at Westminster
Hall, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia at 10 o'clock, Nov-
ember 21st.

It is earnestly desired that a full meeting
of the committee shall be in attendance, and we hope for
your presence.

The unprecedented victory for woman suffrage
in the United States is one which should inspire us all with
zeal to come together with the earnest hope for the future,
and to plan the very best methods by which more States will
be gathered into the suffrage Union during the coming year.

Bring with you as large a delegation as possible

Faithfully yours,

Anna H. Shaw
President.

1912
OLYMPIA BROWN RESIGNS.

Veteran President of Suffrage Women Gives up the Gavel.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 13.—After thirty years of service as president of the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage association, Rev. Olympia Brown, of Racine, laid down the gavel yesterday afternoon, in spite of the protest, tears and pleadings of a devoted band of followers.

Members of the association elected Miss Lutie E. Stearns president, but only after Mrs. Brown had reiterated her determination not to serve again, and had made an appeal "to every friend here" to vote for Miss Stearns, who has long been active in the movement.

Even under those circumstances, Miss Stearns was elected with but one majority, although every member present expressed themselves as wanting her, unless Mrs. Brown could be induced to serve. Every vote not cast for Miss Stearns was counted for Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown was then made honorary president, and is the first to hold this office in the association.

Mrs. Brown gave as her reason for refusing reelection that she hoped for amalgamation of the several suffrage associations of the state.

She said she felt convinced that no affiliation of societies could be accomplished unless some one was placed at the head who had not previously headed any given association.

Other officers elected are: Miss Zona Gale, Portage, first vice president; Mrs. Mary Scott Johnson, Superior; Miss Martha C. Heide, recording secretary; Mrs. H. M. Holton, corresponding secretary; Miss Gwendolyn Willis, treasurer.

Delegates to the National Woman's Suffrage association were chosen as follows: Rev. Olympia Brown, the Mmes. Frank Eggers, N. K. Donaldson, Nora Perkins Jeanson, Mary Scott Johnson, H. M. Holton, Newman, H. M. Daniels, and the Misses Grace King and Linda Rhodes.

The question of changing the name of the association was brought up as a possible means of making it easier to effect a union. This was not done, as the sentiment of the president was against abandoning the name under which the association was incorporated in 1882.

Resolutions were passed instructing the secretary to invite the American suffragette to merge with the Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage association; making the Wisconsin Citizen the official organ of the association; pledging the association to work unceasingly against the white slave traffic; deploring the loss by death of Sarah Day, Brodhead; Kate Woster, Brodhead; Kittie E. V. Hollister, Madison; to send greeting to Carrie Chapman Catt at the time of her demonstration meeting in New York, November 19.

Carrying a lady's umbrella is another sign a man is married.

Grand, Thursday, Marx Bros. and 16 others.—Adv.

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JOHN S. KANEY

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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MILWAUKEE, WIS., Nov. 13, 1912. 191

Miss Adda L. James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James;

Your letter was received this morning. I am very glad to know that my old friends were pleased with the stand I took on the questions affecting the public. I have endeavored to do that which I consider was the best for the greatest number of people, regardless of what other persons might think. Monday, we passed an ordinance regulating dance halls in this city. This was the hardest fight I have ever had, but I must say that I enjoyed it. I sincerely hope the Political Equality League will continue to do business. I know of no other way to win than by working hard on a proposition. If the fight is kept up there is no question in my mind but what victory will be ours in a few years.

Remember me to any of my friends in Richland, you chance to meet, I am

Respectfully yours,

John S. Kaney

Nov. 14, 1912

Star Observer
Hudson
Wis.

To the Editor:-

Will you please permit me to reply to your criticism of the suffrage pledge cards which appeared in the OBSERVER on the 7th?

The idea of obtaining signers to these pledge cards was first to promote the house to house canvass and second to be able to notify the men who wished to vote for it just where it would appear either on the ballot or in the machine. We did not doubt the good faith of the man who signed and I regret that any one so understood our motive. By interviewing the voter personally we can determine the nature of his opposition and often explain it away. For some time there was an uncertainty as to whether the referendum would appear in the machine and so the last thing we notified these men from headquarters concerning the pink ballot.

On the whole this personal work was very successful take the town of Milton for instance, every voter in the precinct was interviewed and many converted, their names taken and a card sent reminding them that the pink ballot was the suffrage ballot. Milton carried for suffrage by a vote of 142 to 34. The Superior women pushed the house to house canvass and every precinct but one carried and that lost by four votes only. The plan worked so well we hope to push it in the future and personally interview as many voters as possible in order to know when the canvass is complete we have to secure signatures

Knowing you are sincere in your criticism of this method and thinking others may have put the same interpretation on it I am asking you to

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Milwaukee, Wis.,

Nov. 14, 1912.

Ada dear:

I want to enclose a few things and cannot refrain from dash-
ing off a few words with them. I am writing ~~xxx~~ letters to county
leagues to which we sent Catholic literature asking them if possible
to pay for it. You see in several cases we sent the literature whether
ordered or not and so really cannot expect them to pay up but I thought
I'd take a chance. The whole amount would total about \$30 so ~~you see~~
it is worth writing for and I could pay the National out of that. No
money seems to come in, and Dane County, Oshkosh and Kenosha owe us a
lot of money. I shall wait a little longer and then write to them and
try to urge them to pay up.

I am enclosing the article in the Madison Journal concerning
your letter to Mrs. Hoyt. This article had a good place on the front
page. I haven't seen the Milwaukee paper articles, but I suppose they
may have made an insignificant note of it. You might send this on to
Mrs. Peckham. *Mrs. Hoyt has not answered it so far*

It was nice of you to think of me, as you always do, as the
person for the secretaryship of the new suffrage organization. Frankly
I do not think I am the person at all, because really I am a person of
no importance in Madison and whoever occupies the post should first of
all have local backing. The older women now in charge would feel that
it was almost a joke to have me and I confess that I would not want to
have them feel that I was merely to be dictated to.

I really had not given a thought to having myself in charge
when I suggested Madison. I do think that Madison is the logical place
but I am sure I am not the logical person. I am willing to do what I
can to get someone started at the work and I think Mrs. Bleyer would be
the one to select if she would consider it. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

There are dozens of reasons why I should rather live many
other places than Madison. I am never happy here. Being a foolishly
temperamental person, I have for years been depressed by Madison. Though
I have had awfully good times ~~here~~, I have also ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ had
my most unhappy times here, and the thought of living in Madison comes to
me almost oppressively. I have a few good friends here and my family and
that is about the extent of my interest in Madison. I like to be able
to visit here quite frequently, but if Mother and Buzz were not here, I
rather think I'd never find time to come ~~xxxx~~ to Madison. As you know

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Dear Miss James:

Your letter came today, and it was good to hear from you again.

Yes we were mightily disappointed about the rest of the state, but satisfied with our county-vote which went two to one in favor.

We have 165 saloons, but not a very large german population.

I am as keen as ever for suffrage, but I could never again go through such hard work.

Some of our workers would like to go at it right away.

I am sorry you are so tired, and hope you will get well rested, and feel alright. It must have been something fearful for you people who were at the head, bearing the brunt of the battle.

I remember with regret that I was cross to you in one or two of my letters, but

I hope you have forgiven me ere this.
Upon the receipt of two very urgent letters
from Mrs Brown and Miss Miller I
went to Melwanke to their state convention
This week. Our ass'n wanted me to urge
consolidation of forces, and their letters
intimated that such action might be
taken, but I fear from what I heard that
it will be rather difficult.

However I hope it can be done.

After I was nominated for ^{9th} vice pres, I
rose up and said that I could not accept
as I wished to be free to pursue the union
idea without being thought untrue to the
Ass'n. Mrs Brown urged me to accept,
saying that I had been friendly to both sides
and would be a most acceptable officer.
On the resolutions committee of which
I was a member I insisted that we
should not bind ourselves to "preserving
the integrity of the Ass'n", as was sug-
gested by Mrs Brown.
So I don't think I was a very satisfactory
delegate. I felt mean and small to

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seem to work against the wishes of Mrs Brown, so old and small, she was almost a pathetic figure, but still full of fight.

If I had known of this big meeting in December, I would have saved the money and have gone then. But I think we can send ~~at~~ one woman who can get a pass, and perhaps others.

With these four other states coming in it is only a matter of time until Wisconsin gains woman suffrage, but the question is whether to wait 4 years or try it in two. I think the former would be the safer and of course the easier. Time, as every passing year will make it easier.

I was glad to note the encouraging tone of your letter.

You deserve great credit for all your splendid management and hard work, so do all of the state workers.

Our women worked at the polling places on election day, and think they made many votes that way.

The men were very nice to us, seemed to think it was alright so to work.

Some of our more timid members feared it would hurt our cause.

We shall not plan anything until after your state meeting at Madison then "we shall see what we shall see"

I do hope a union of forces can be brought about. ~~about~~.

I had a nice little visit with Mr Benedict, also Miss Edna Wright while in Milwaukee.

With best wishes

Mary Scott Johnson

P.S. We cannot send any one to the

National, we are all too poor to go.

Be sure to let us know the date of the state meeting in time for our women to get their passes, which will take from four days to a week

M.S.J.

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE
DARLINGTON, WIS.

Nov. 15/12

My dear Miss Jones:

Thank you for your good letter.
Whether if we can go to the meeting at Philadelphia
I wish more as we would like to do so

Dr. Aiton has some obstetrical cases on
hand & I cannot afford to go at present.

But we are planning on going to the
State meeting in Milwaukee.

Personally I do not believe Mrs. La Follette

is the best person to lead the movement in
Wisconsin. In the first place she is most
likely to be in the state very much of the time
as the Secretary's term does not expire for some
time and secondly it seems to me better to
have some one who is not identified with
us through a partisan movement as she is -
even though the movement be good.

I was quite disappointed in the remarks she
made here in Burlington and the general
impression created that she had done us

DR. JEAN MOTTRAM COOKE

DARLINGTON, WIS.

no good. So many people compared her, quite naturally, with Miss Grim and always with the idea that if they had not heard Harriett they would not have been surprised upon the subject.

Mr. La Follette's Suffrage remarks were fine.

Harriett seems to think Mrs. Gorman a capable woman and that she would make a good leader. I liked her actions at the Federation meeting and Dr. Carter was very favorably impressed with her.

at the Conference in America.

Harriet had a rather poor day yesterday but to-day she seems better. We shall keep her with us till after Thanksgiving time and hope to see her much improved by that time.

I hope to see you in Philadelphia next month if not before that time.

Very cordially

John M. Cook

27 West 11th Street,
New York, November 15, 1912.

Mrs. Ada James,
Richland Centre, Wis.

Dear Ada:

I have been forgetting to send you my address, which is 27 West 11th Street, but from now on, will be Elmira, N.Y. for a week.

I suppose you have my telegram in regard to the dues by now and have done something about it. I will call them up to find out. If I am allowed 10 or 15 minutes for a speech at one of the regular meetings I shall go down for the last day of the Convention, Monday, the 25th. I am still too tired to think of going to the whole Convention. These things nearly kill me anyhow. I think our object will be accomplished if I am allowed to speak. What do you think?

Was there any reply to our letter to Mrs. Brown? I ought to know how things stand before I go down there. They were awfully sorry at the National about our dues not having been paid and will go as far as they can in breaking the rule and letting us in. Of course, they want us to have the vote. Is Miss Paul going or anyone else that you know of, as a delegate from the Political Equality League? I think you are very wise not to go on for the Convention and just to rest for a good long while. The next ^{national} ~~campaign~~ con-

Mrs. A.J.-2-

vention will be more important for us than this year's. Tell me when you think we ought to hold our meeting. Would January be as good as December? If so, I might not come West until January. I want to stand by you and do my duty and help get the thing started right again, so you tell me just the latest date when you think the meeting should be held.

Much love to you, always,

Crystal

Elmira, N. Y. was represent me at
You By all means to go Philadelphia
Thursday, at 10 a. m. & in evening ^{Monday too late} find letter
there + This is important, ~~that~~ ^{Monday too late} ~~and~~ ^{think} we are
entitled to 7 votes - Miss Paul make to there -
you must go. Miss Shaw notified me ^{executive} of meeting
of ~~executive board~~ at & requested ~~me~~ ^{my} presence,
~~Monday~~ Thurs. morning.

47
might ~~miss~~
paid at our store

I enclose the
check for \$4 which
I gathered for some
normal guts - WBE.

[1912] [Nov 16]

5833 Monroe Ave.
Chicago. Nov. 16,

Dear Ada, Are you
in Milwaukee or Richland
Center now? In sending
this to the latter place
in the belief that you ought
to be there getting some
crisp air and a change,
even if you are not. I

have heard nothing from Milwaukee
except the Chicago newspaper reports -
four states is such a good record that
in some north people are surprised.
Ohio and Wis. are sisters all right -
we seem to be up against the same
proposition. I shall be glad to hear
any details from you when you get time
to write.

I ~~shall~~ stay here till Christmas -
the end of the quarter - and after that
must do something - though I can't tell
yet what. I'd like to get into suffrage
work again, but haven't had time
even to talk with the people here I
am so tied down with ~~certain~~ work
that I feel I can't do.

Is Florence Baker still in Milwaukee?
I once had a letter. You girls will be
going on to Philadelphia soon, do write
and tell me about it.

This is Saturday and I'm
taking a few minutes off - but I'm

obliged to research most of
time with a vengeance that
is much more dogged than
inspirational. I was obliged
to evolve fifty pages - big pages -
of mss. between last Friday
and Monday - and I'm sure the
result will not contribute to the
gaiety of the nations - that's my
weekly task in creation.

Come down some day. I'd
like much to see you - I never
let business interfere with pleasure
and I'd like so much to see
you -
With love for Alice.

I want to suggest that if you prefer not to name as president of the P. E. S. Amy Longfer, Mrs. H. M. Johnson of Waukesha, is splendidly qualified to do it. If not, Mrs. Chynoweth of Mukwonago. [1912] [rev]

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

My dear Miss James,

I am just in receipt of a letter from the Cor. Secy of the Wisconsin W. Inf. Assoc. in answer to yours of Nov. 7th sent to them. I also read last evening yours of recent ^{date} to Miss Sarah James. Since it is unlikely that I shall be able to attend the P. E. S. Convention planned to be held in Madison some time in December, I wish to say

1. That I am in favor of combining as many of the suffrage societies as will combine.
2. That I am in favor of retaining the name Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association, for reasons they themselves advance in their reply of Nov. 12th, as the name of the combined societies.

3. That I am in favor of electing a new set of officers for the P. E. S. at the December meeting, - not necessarily different persons from those we had before, but a new election.

4. That I am in favor of having the newly elected president appoint a committee to represent the P. E. S., - this committee to meet one appointed by the W. W. S. A., and the two committees to unite on a plan for becoming one body under the name of the W. W. S. A.

5. If the findings of the committees are ratified by their respective organizations, I am in favor of a meeting of all societies that agree to unite, and the election of a new set of officers, each organization in the combined body to be properly represented in the list of officers and in the Board of Directors.

I do not know the relative membership of the P. E. S. and W. W. S. A., but understand that the

I make a point of this proper representation

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Coltr is sending since 9, delegates
to the W. N. S. A. (at Philadelphia this
month. That would seem to
mean at least 900 members in
their society.

Has the P. E. L. elected delegates
to the Philadelphia Convention?
If not, it seems to me unfortun-
ate.

I have no criticism at all to
make on the work of the P. E. L. in
the campaign just-past. We
failed to carry the state for
suffrage, but I expected to fail.
The W. N. S. A. has always combined
suffrage work with temperance
work. This has always antagonized
the liquor interests which with our
immigrants are very strong in Wiscon-
sin. The W. N. S. A. did this up to the
last-moment by bringing Mrs. Sadley
here from New Jersey, a lovely, tal-
ented woman, and having her

more than once. Next time if possible, let us all pull together.

gave a suffrage talk at a Prohibition
Only Rally. She was surprised at
finding herself in such a situation,
and disclaimed any interest in
any political propaganda what-
ever except that of votes for women.
But it did the cause much harm
in this city and increased the ac-
tivity of the liquor dealers against
us. Whatever money it cost, was
spent in the interests of anti-
suffrage. When we get the ballot
we can do with it what conscience
dictates, but we should not be tell-
ing beforehand what we intend to do.

He worked hard in Oshkosh and
in Winnebago County, and the pa-
pers gave us credit for having "put
up" one of the brightest and most
active campaigns that had ever
been made in the county. He did
not carry either the county or the
city. The two best towns in the city,
the fifth and the seventh, car-
ried by small majorities. We
have it all to do over again, perhaps

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Peshigo - Wis.

Nov. 17 - 1912.

Mrs. C. E. Benedict.

Milwaukee - Wis.

Dear friends -

Sorry Equal Suffrage did not carry in Wis. wish all towns had done as well as this little place did, a majority of 34 votes and about 172 cast in all. I see by your circulars and newspaper articles the good work will go on, and we will surely win next time.

I sent down from here, the city poll list, if that can be found in your office, will you kindly return same to me, I wish to use the names for city advertisements etc. If you correspond with Mrs. Twitchel of Cincinnati, Mrs. Emily M. Bishop or Miss Edna Wright, I would like to be remembered to them. We enjoyed their company very much.

Wishing you future success.

I remain. Respectfully.

Mrs. E. Nelson.

over.

I'm getting up new printed matter, I suppose the
mention will be made of the women in some
states having the privilege denied to others, in
other states, an appeal to equal privilege for all.
One young man who opposed it said the other
day, "I might have voted for it, it is coming
any way." I find women so indifferent, we
need to work with them, more than with men,
it seems. One young lady, a normal graduate
and school teacher, said she was tired of all
this talk on equal suffrage, ~~one~~ ^{nor} ~~not~~ appear at all
interested, I found few men as totally indifferent
as some women were.

In states where equal suffrage carried, was a
separate ballot used, as was done in Wis?

Mrs. E. Nelson.

Oskosh Nov. 17. 1912.

My Dear Miss James.

I had hoped to write you before, even before you had written me, for I feel you have been fully as busy as I. The disappointment in our losing has been great. My friends and family tried to prepare me for this defeat, which had a tendency to break the fall. Our "Northwestern" said we had put up as gamey a campaign as had been put up. A good deal for them when they had done so much against us. The forces against us in this suppress campaign ~~come~~ up more gigantic all the time.

I have learned that the voters on our South side had justice

9 delegates - I must have not. I should be glad
for a fact to see talk with you - just wishes, which
regards to you
times two or three times just before
election. That day, my campaign-
ing was going on. When I realize that
I think it a wonder we had 17/3
votes, 2 to 1 against. This defeat has
aroused many women. Some
had helped to defeat us, the indiffer-
ent will now come out and work.
Some of them.
And suffrage treasury is embarrass-
ed and cannot send a delegate
to the National. I have found none
me who will go and pay her own
expenses. I do want to go so very
very much.
I am trying to be calm waiting
the outcome of the continuing the
suffrage forces into me organization.
I see their letter yesterday. It looks as
if they would obliterate us. I am
enclosing a clipping. How can they fund

Broad Ridge Farm
Nov. 17th. 1912.

My Dear Miss James.

At the meeting of
the Dan Co Equal Suffrage
League Sat. Tuesday we
decided to go on with
our work, and with un-
swerving effort. We did

not- decide to join either
the Political Equality League
or the Woman's Suffrage Ass.
but- we did express the
earnest- desire that- the
organizations should unite.
we can- not endure to
hear in the next two
years that- better and
more efficient- work would
be accomplished and
that- we might- gain

Equal Suffrage for Wis
if there were one organization
working for votes for women.
Mr Gaston is to be in
Milwaukee this week and
hope to talk with you
and Mr Benedick. I had
a letter from Miss Ann Shores
expressing the same feeling &
Mr La Follette & I talked to
gether on Friday. We all feel
we must write. I approve
of the meeting in Madison
if absolutely necessary, but

Some of us feel that it would
be as well. I telephoned
Mr Benedict - as I could not reach
you, before or when he wrote
Mr Brown. It was simply a
request - that every effort be made
to unite all Associations under
one head. I am so glad you
wrote that fine letter to Mrs
Hoyt. I have been looking for
a reply & as she writes you, I
long for the highest honor among
women. Yours for the cause

Edna E. Chynoweth.

Washington - D.C.
1432 R St N.W.

November 19, 1912.

Dear Miss James:

The moment I heard of the defeat in Wisconsin I planned to write to you and tell you of my unbounded admiration for you and of my gratitude to you for the work you have done. My life, however, has been very complicated lately owing to the sickness of a friend and I have left undone many things which I wished to do. Of course I was disappointed about Wisconsin but I do feel that we have done a great deal to smoke the enemy out of his hole. When all is done I believe we shall find that the liquor interests are our strongest enemies and that out of the controversy will come a saner attitude with reference to them. A letter from Mrs. La Fquette tells me that the women of Wisconsin are not cast down and that they are already planning a new campaign. I wish I might be of more assistance.

Yours affectionately,

C. H. Henshaw

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Oshkesh, Wis. Nov. 19, 12
25 Mt. Vernon Str.

Dear Comrade:

This is Oshkesh, not Philadelphia. I was pretty badly used up from suffrage campaign and lack of good help. When M.C.G. went to New York to attend the medical convention in New York I improved the time by decorating his room, cleaning and training new help. After that I did not feel equal to take the much coveted trip, but hear that Mrs. Benedict is east. You are right- one of the grand compensations is the feeling of friendship and loyalty which knits us together.

The German clippings admit that the "pink" separate ballot has done the work. Assemblyman Clark seems to think that we could legally bring the matter before the coming legislature as it is a referendum, not an amendment. Or we might do it later by initiative.

Do you wish to continue to have the German clippings send to me? AFTER the ball was over the "Germania" admitted for the first time that suffrage does not mean prohibition.

I wish to second Miss Swart's letter with a few modifications. If Miss Stearn can give time to the presidency I would have no objections to her. Mrs. Chinewith is a nice woman, but has no executive ability and would NOT be the right woman for president. I know this from friends who personally think a great deal of her. When will we have our convention? Can't we have it in Milwaukee?

With much love yours ready for work after brief rest

Sophie Gudden

Sarah James has given up our rooms on advice of our executive board.

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November 19, 1912.

My dear Madam:-

As Chairman of the Committee on the Western depot of the Literature Department of the National, I am making my report for the Annual Convention. I am moved to make the following recommendation, and would like to have your opinion thereupon:-

"That a Western Branch of the National be established in Chicago for the convenience of the Middle, Western and Southern states, such Branch to include in its work, not only the distribution of literature, but to further the common interests in these states and to bind them more closely to all parts of the country and to the National American Woman Suffrage Association."

You need not send your reply to me, but I would to have you send it to Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett, #505 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of the same at some later date, when it is convenient to you, but the main thing is to get your opinion of the Western Branch of the National, and to put that opinion where it will do the most good at this time.

I would like to have you, first, express your opinion on the advantage which a half-way station has been to you in the way of getting your supplies promptly, also like to have you express your opinion on the value which a Western Department of the National might be in other ways to the Middle, Western and Southern states.

This is not to be in any sense a criticism upon having the National in the East, only as to whether its work cannot be furthered by a Western Department.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Mary R. Plummer.

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CARL E. DREUTZER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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STURGEON BAY, WIS.

My dear Miss James,

You have the spirit of a true
conqueror - while we were beaten the
cause is not lost, the only thing to
do is to go to work with renewed energy
I am sorry we could not have carried
it this time however -

I wanted to reply to your letter at once
but since the defeat our secretary had
gone to Chicago & I was unable to
find the number of members but we
have 88 so we are not yet entitled
to become members of the National as you
spoke of but we are going to reorganize
in order to raise dues & will then
enlarge our membership - I do hope the
two organizations in the state will unite

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before long under what ever name it
matter not so long as we are united.
While our club is organized under the
W. S. A we have worked under the
directions of the P. E. L. as well and have
enjoyed it immensely. In making
my reports I have at times feared the
fate of the child who was brought before
Solomon for his decision as to which was
its rightful mother.

I trust when you get the needed red
and that we may yet hear from you
as an official in the cause of equal
suffrage.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Y. V. Dreutzer

Nov. 19-1912.

Whitewater, Wis.,
Nov. 20, 1912.

My dear Miss James,

The reason I

did not reply immediately to your letter is because I meant to reply through Mrs. Stephens in person, though I should have known that it would be too late to find anyone at headquarters after the middle of last week. She went in on Thursday taking with her the three collars that we owe for the Election day cards and ten dollars as a donation to the state funds. Not finding anyone she brought it back with her. This I did not

know till Monday eve. As
 I could not write yesterday
 this is really my first op-
 portunity to make explanation.
 Now where shall we send
 that money? Or shall we
 keep it till new headquarters
 are opened? It is here for you
 when we know what to do with
 it. I am sending this letter
 to the old address hoping that
 it will be forwarded to you.
 Now about our plans here. We are
 not at all cast down over the
 result of the election, but ready
 to go to work when we know
 what the plans are. It is a
 little hard to get women interested
 to do anything unless there

is something in sight to be done. The question is asked "what can be done now?" so I ask you will there be an effort made to pass a bill this winter again? Of course we who have worked see plenty that may be done even now, but to answer these questions as to the reason for continuing an organization is why I ask you. We thought to drop matters for a few weeks, then call as large a meeting as we can get together and reorganize with new officers and perhaps new life. We want to get in time to send a delegate to the convention at Madison. Hoping that this may reach you some time, I am
 Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. C. W. Stule.

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Did you instruct Benfdick to cast League vote against
 amendment opposing plural voting which amendment was
 requested by 8 western State Presidents answer at once .

Cathrine Waugh Mc Cullock

Witherspoon Bldg

LEANDO BROWN

43, Redcliffe Square,
South Kensington,
LONDON, S.W.

20th. November, 1912.

My dear Miss James,

Because of the service you have rendered womankind I take great pleasure in having my American Agents mail you a copy of my new play "Mrs. Raford, Humanist."

Miss Margaret Anglin writes that she has nothing but unqualified praise for the play.

E. Desmond Deane of the Haymarket Theatre, London, says:

"It is a powerful play, dealing in a sympathetic manner with one of the most vital questions of the day both from a moral and social standpoint."

Mrs. Dennett, General Secretary of the National Woman's Suffrage Association of America, writes:

"Your play stands alone among all the plays that have been sent in to the National Headquarters during the last two years, as the one which makes the strongest and soundest appeal, and, moreover, it solves better than any other the enormous difficulty before all playwrights who attempt to dramatise the woman movement, in making the climax dramatic instead of didactic."

Trusting the play will be of interest to you,

I am,
Most sincerely and appreciatively yours,

Leando E. Brown

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EDITOR OF CLUB NOTES, CAXTON BLDG., CLEVELAND

Milledgeville, Ill. Nov. 27, 1912.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

You will think I have become independently wealthy, I am so slow in sending in my expense account. There is one item I am not sure about yet, and that is the fare from La Crosse to Chicago. I did not go directly home but came here to visit my father, so I did not learn the fare over the most direct way. This way - over the Burlington it is as I put it down. Perhaps you can find it out. I'm in a small town and the station master did not know.

La Crosse women paid for my board and room and the West Salem people

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paid my expenses there, including rail. road fare.

Very soon I want to write you some items for future reference, on La Crosse. But I must tell you now what splendid support Mr. Brayton of the La Crosse Tribune gave the cause. Will send you his editorial and a paper containing the ten dollar space he gave himself to the Vote Yes advertisement. That was more than generous. I thanked him as best I could but a word from you would mean more. I ought to have told you about this before, but I dropped everything for two weeks. But the editor, before the anti-advertisement was printed, told me about it, so we met it there. I see you also sent out an ad from headquarters.

I must also tell you what a splendid

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(Linker)
worker I found in Mrs. Charles Linker. If it had not been for her we could not have begun to cover the twenty-one wards on election day. She secured forty-two workers herself. Will you send her some literature - not flyers - but a miscellaneous collection for her own instruction and also send her plans for the next campaign as soon as you have any? Will you also tell me how to join your state organization? I will send you a list of names of those I think might like to join, from La Crosse.

And do warn any suffragists who may in future go to La Crosse to avoid any contact with Miss Rose Keefer. Met a physically speaking, she almost kicked me out of town.

If I get my three Ohio counties

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organized early, perhaps I will come back and help you again. I should like to. You carried on a splendid campaign, against tremendous odds, as it now appears, and it all counts.

With appreciation of all your kindness and courtesy,
Cordially
Clara Snell Wolfe.

Nov. 24. 1912

Mrs. Frank Hoyt

President of the Madison Association
Opposed to ~~Equal~~ Woman Suffrage.

My dear Madam:

I am sure that you will agree with me that an association which is formed for the purpose of influencing votes holds a different position from a private society, and that the details of its management are a matter of public concern. This being so I am going to venture to ask some questions which would, under other circumstances, be in the highest degree impertinent. I hope that

you will be willing to give me definite answers, and I assure you that I shall be glad to respond in like fashion if there are questions that you wish to ask about the affairs of the Political Equality League.

As a guide toward the attitude of Wisconsin women toward the question of suffrage, please let me know how many members your association has. Have you branches throughout the state? If so, what is their membership? Is there, in the state, any other organization with similar aims?

Has your organization received any

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(2)

Money from people who are directly or indirectly connected with the liquor business? Such contributions would probably be given in a roundabout way, through an intermediary. Are you absolutely certain that you have had no money from such sources?

Please give me the exact words of Mrs. Benedict upon which you based your statement that the suffrage organizations of Wisconsin were supported by money from outside the State; and give me also the date upon which the words were spoken.

Hoping for an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth F. Peckham

National Woman Suffrage Convention

Philadelphia, November 21 - 26, 1912

MASS MEETING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 3 P. M.

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Speakers:

DR. ANNA HOWARD SHAW

DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS

MISS JULIA C. LATHROP

Chicago Friday

Miss Eda James -

Dear Miss Eda - Enroute home I take these few spare moments & hurriedly juggle few things before you which I wish I could see you and discuss or at least be able to write more fully - I hoped to see you before the Nat. Conv. was in. It followed so quickly in the Mil. Station that I did not write you & that I have "wrecked" my family so, wish the regular bus. station this convenient hours to add to it financially also) that I don't know how I can think of

another convention this Dec. - don't know what
new "positively necessary" - I can bring forth, &
should I not be there I want you to
know this -

I hope you will write -

But if there is not an official tie up - I hope
there will be friendly cooperation. I see
absolutely no excuse to say nothing of
need for cutting each other. and esp.
specially when there are so many anti's
we can so need to chop to pieces -
now that's prayer of mind in me you can so
lately count to ~~the~~ instand weather & gossip.

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Lawrence

I think the name question should not be a stumbling block to anyone on either side who wants to unite & do it right, but the W. W. older women cling to the name.

Further than that I don't know how we should have gone any farther way to meet you. I explained a little to Miss Benedict - but didn't see her long as The Com. On the Ex. Board insisted - myself & Miss Linda Brooks took the places with the tacit understanding among ourselves that we would be perfectly agreeable to your & using our vacancies filled in with people suggested by you - accepted - the advising board & many things

were handled the same way -
Now this has nothing to do with what was
done at the State Com, but ~~from~~ ^{conversations} ^{outside}
so to speak, the question of a salaried officer is
in my mind. If Mrs. Benedict heard Dr.
Shaw's opinion on that question - they voiced my
opinion exactly - also Mrs. Lunt Pres. Ill. League
Perhaps Mrs. Benedict has met her, has my
idea exactly of the salary ques. I don't know why a
salary should make any new services less
valuable or noble - many of the most available
capable women must be paid and if you don't pay them
they go else where because they must.

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Therefore in the question of delay if it can be reasonably seen that it can be met I have no objections and in some cases would favor it & prefer it - for economic & democratic reasons have it always go with the view to demarcate the line between the woman who can & the " " can't give her services. I wish I had more time as there are other things - I expect to find a Board meeting in Milwaukee tomorrow & if they have no official endorsement for

you and as you have set the Dec. meeting for
those settlements I don't see how they can have
I will endeavor to let every thing wait until
then Madison unquestionably has the most
advantages as a central head quarters -
I will be at home Sat. night at Manitowish
and will be glad to see a line to know you
got this and will later write you of a "hobby"
of my own in which I hope we can serve
each other. Very sincerely
Jessie M. Egger -

I am in the Hospital because of the Conventium Stain!

Green Bay, Wis
11-24-12

Dear Ada, -

Thank you for your kind letter. I'm so sorry that you have been laid up. For a wonder I did not collapse but I've not been very well since I've been home. I think the being confined so much, after living out doors for practically eight months, gets on my nerves and makes my head ache a good deal of the time. And then too I carried my grips so much while I was

away that I hurt my
side and I have a back
ache a good deal of the
time. I didn't mind it
while I was busy and
on the go, but now I
have nothing much else
to think about.

We held a meeting
here last week and 80
people attended, many
men and women who
had not helped before and
feel rather guilty. It
will not be so hard next
time. Plans were made
for the new campaign.
I have two dates to
talk to women's clubs.

And I'm glad for they
were our stumbling
block.

Our Brown county League
deserve great credit
for keeping the majority
against us down to
2 to 1. Men who know
the temper of the county
say it was wonderful,
that they expected us
to be beat 10 to 1. They
worked awfully hard.

Ree made 10 speeches in
the county.

I'm so proud of my West-
ern counties. 4 out
of the 6 I worked carried
and in Trempealeau we

got a majority vote in
every town where I
worked. Even saloons
towns where we can-
-vassed gave us a
majority. I'm sorry that
I didn't start that earlier.
Looking back I can't see
where we made a
single mistake. It
was a splendid effort
— and a glorious defeat.
I want to say again that
I think you were wonder-
-ful. You can never know
what your loving confidence
and encouragement did
for me. It was a happy
day for me when I walked
into the headquarters that

day and found you.
We heard that both you
and Crystal are going
to resign. If you do I
know it is because you
think it will help the
cause. But I can't see
it that way. I can't imag-
ine anyone else being
the leaders you were.
You can't see it of course
but we all, especially
those who worked in the
field fairly said our
prayers to you at
night. Your fine letters
which always came
at the right time and
boosted us, patted us

on the back when we
made good, and made
us feel that no one
could have succeeded,
under the circumstances,
was an answer to our prayers,
when we failed. I'll
just swear by you and
Crystal all the time, and
if you do resign, whoever
takes your place has
got to go some & will
have a mighty hard
job keeping up to your
standard. I've worked
with women before & I
tell you my heart has
been sick many times
but you have restored

my faith in human
nature and women.
For knowing you I am
very grateful at this time
of Thanksgiving.
Ray + I will be married
10 years on Thanksgiving
day, the 28th - and we
are so happy. We are
going to give a dinner
of 12 covers. I wish you
might come.

Remember me to your
father; sister + her family
and to you Ada + Rex
and I send our
"very best love".
Maud.

Write me about the connection
where W is $L + W$.

Speech of C E B at
Phila., Monday Nov 25

[1912] Nov. 25

WHY WE LOST IN WISCONSIN

A year ago Wisconsin was the only state east of the Mississippi in which a suffrage referendum was pending, and in view of its great reputation as pioneer among progressive states, suffragists everywhere felt that the Wisconsin campaign presented a tremendous national opportunity. And we, in Wisconsin, felt our responsibility to the whole national movement. In answer to our appeals, the word went out and echoed back and forth throughout the country, "Help Wisconsin!" "If we can win one big industrial state east of the Mississippi, it will put us ahead ten years." In answer to this word came money in large sums—thousands of dollars—from the National, from New York, from Illinois, from Minnesota, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, California, Kentucky, and from countless individuals. To all who came so splendidly to our aid we are deeply, profoundly grateful. We asked it believing we had a chance to win—you gave it believing we had a chance to win. The vast bulk of this outside help for Wisconsin was given or pledged a long time before anybody knew that Michigan and Ohio were also to have 1912 campaigns, and it was asked and

given in the thought that Wisconsin might be our only hope of winning ^{an} eastern suffrage state in 1912.

Well, friends and helpers, we lost, but your money wasn't wasted. It went directly into the salaries and traveling expenses of organizers, and the suffrage leagues carefully and laboriously built up by these organizers—often beginning in towns where there was not even one suffragist to entertain the organizer,—these are alive and flourishing today, 50 of them, active, solvent, dues-paying locals—your money was invested in them and they stand ready to win our next campaign.

But do not think we let you give all the money. You should know that one Wisconsin woman put \$3,000. into our campaign last year and gave \$1,000. to the National besides,—Mrs. Charles W. Norris of Milwaukee. Others—men and women—gave lesser sums, ranging from \$300. to 5 one cent stamps,—in all many thousands.

Before passing on to tell why we lost, I want to mention some of those to whom we owe that degree of success we had. First the older suffragists, ^{in Wisconsin} without whose early labors we never could have had a referendum to put before the people,—those self-sacrificing pioneers, who have kept the torch burning for fifty years, under the inspiration of their devoted leader, the Rev. Olympia Brown. Next I want to speak of Miss Harriet Crim of

Illinois— our girl orator of the middle west— whose continuous services to Wisconsin were made possible by the National Association. North, south, east and west, wherever Miss Grim went, they clamored for her to come back and they are clamoring still. Next the LaFollette's, all three of them, but in this recent campaign we owe most to Mrs. LaFollette, who, from the moment Congress adjourned in July until election day was a leading spirit in the campaign,— writing, persuading, speaking, almost continuously.

Last but not least I must mention Miss Ada James, President of the Political Equality League, daughter of Senator James, who introduced our bill. Miss James is a rare combination, almost unfailing good judgment, keen political insight and the character of a saint on earth. Throughout the long months of the campaign, though she grew thinner and paler through her unceasing labors for suffrage, her spirit never failed. It was our constant inspiration.

Then I wish I could give a personal word of greeting from Wisconsin to the splendid speakers; the experienced campaigners and the ^{brave} new recruits who came in from other states to help us. —First the Illinois women, without whose help we never could have begun our campaign, last the Ohio women, without whom we never could have made

as good as finished as we made, and in between many another splendid woman, who put in a week or two weeks or six weeks, to help Wisconsin-- Bless their hearts, one and all. I wish we might have won for their sakes.

The vote on woman suffrage in Wisconsin barring one county from which returns have not yet come in, stood 132,000 for, 224,000 against. The papers have published it as a two to one defeat, but you see it wasn't nearly as bad as that. The majority against us fell 40,000 short of being a two to one majority. Nevertheless it was a heavy defeat. Now the only question which can possibly interest this great audience is why we lost, when our hopes were so high a year ago. Wherein were our calculations wrong? I have time merely to outline the situation. For one thing we over-estimated the friendliness of the large Scandinavian vote. We counted on the Norwegians and Swedes of western Wisconsin standing in favor of equal suffrage as a matter of course, because women vote in Norway and are on the verge of it in Sweden, but when we came to campaign among them we found many on our side but many just as conservative about woman as the majority of the Germans. In short we found we couldn't count on their votes-- they had to be brought over man by man and we didn't have time to

get around. Next we over-estimated the support to be counted on from the Progressive Republican voters; we had hoped they would follow their great leader Robert ~~La~~ LaFollette in this, as they have for so many years, in other Progressive measures, but thousands of them did not. I sometimes think the last thing a man becomes progressive about is the activities of his own wife.

Again, we over-estimated what the Socialist vote would mean to us. I believe that ^{most of} ~~nearly all~~ the Socialist Party members stood by their platform and voted for us, but their sympathizers did not. Thus, many of the wards in Milwaukee which gave Victor Berger enormous majorities went more than two to one against woman suffrage.

Finally, we under-estimated the far-reaching power of the great organized brewing industry in Wisconsin, and we under-estimated the extent of its hostility to woman suffrage. The open opposition of the retail liquor dealers is common to all suffrage campaigns. Wisconsin was no exception, but that alone was not enough to defeat us. The determined and united opposition of a great organized manufacturing industry is another matter.

Wisconsin stands ^{second} among the ^{States} ~~great~~ brewing industries in its output of malt liquors. The brewing industry ranks fourth in Wisconsin; its capital stock amounts to \$85,000,000. I need not remind you of what

made Milwaukee famous and I may say it deserves its reputation, but it is not in Milwaukee alone that good beer is made. A dozen other cities in the state are big brewing centers. Indeed there is hardly a town of 3,000 in the eastern part of Wisconsin which has not two or three big breweries.

W. W. of course, the brewers didn't fight us openly. They didn't need to. The important thing was that everybody who did business with them from the farmer who sold them barley to the big city newspapers who sold them advertising space, knew how they stood. Thus, their mere enormous corporate existence in the state was a constant effective protest against the suffrage referendum. Have you ever thought how many industries there would be in a brewing state dependent upon the brewing industry for their success? The bottle-makers, cork makers, barrel makers, *malsters* .. etc. Why there are whole cities of 20,000 in Wisconsin where not a single business man dares to let his wife come out for suffrage. Why? Because practically every man's business is dependent for success on the good will of the big breweries in that city.

Whether they are wrong or right in their fears, the brewers of Wisconsin have decided that giving women the vote will hurt their business. They put their business, as, alas, most big corporations do, ahead of democracy,

justice and simple human right, and they are determined to do all in their power to delay the coming of votes for women..

But what does this mean to the suffragists of Wisconsin? It is merely a challenge. The brewers do not control the majority of the voters of Wisconsin and they cannot defeat us alone. Their power can defeat us only when it is allied with ignorance and prejudice, and it is our business to cut off these allies,— to do away with the ignorance and prejudice that still exist in Wisconsin in regard to woman suffrage. When we have done that the issue will be clear and we shall win.

We made a great beginning last year; it will take two years more, perhaps four. Meanwhile all hail to Michigan for getting in ahead of us, she has made our task easier, and above all all success to the campaign states of 1913..

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WEEKLY MAGAZINE

EDITORIAL ROOMS

Maple Bluff Farm,
Madison, Wisconsin,

26 November 1912.

Dear Miss James:

I have felt so pressed for time trying to get material ahead for the magazine before leaving for Washington, that I have not dared to tackle my correspondence, although your letter, along with a few others, has been on my conscience. It was announced that I was going to Philadelphia. But I wrote Mrs. Dennett before I left Washington that I could not attend. She appears not to have received my letter.

In regard to a union of the two suffrage organizations in this state, I know nothing of the inwardness of their mutual attitude. On general principles, as in other organizations for a specific purpose, there should be, it seems to me, one head. Two state central committees for a political party could not be as effective as one, even if perfectly harmonious. I think that this is the idea that women should have in mind when they ask that the two organizations come together. There could be and ought to be supplemental organizations adapted to all the various needs of the state, such as you suggest.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Colby urged me to accept the presidency of the old organization. I told them I could not possibly undertake it. I suggested that I thought the two organizations should come together in conference. Perhaps this plan is not feasible. But I have great confidence that there will be satisfactory adjustment. Miss Stearns is sound in heart and judgment. I cannot believe she accepted the office with any other purpose than the best interests of the cause.

I believe you should go on with your plan for a big conference in December. The spirit of the letter you sent out was fine. I wish you could have Charlotte Anita Whitney of Oakland, California

here at that time, and to stay a while to wake up the college women of the state. She is not a great speaker but she has genius for organization, and she is very tactful as well as wise. She convinced me that in a suffrage campaign we must employ all legitimate means of reaching the people, and experience in this state has confirmed me as to the wisdom of her judgment. I notice she was mentioned for one of the auditors of the National Organization. I wonder if she is attending the convention if you might not get her on the way home? I tried to get Dr. Shaw to send her here this last summer, but did not succeed.

As you will see from the enclosed account, the sending of literature and letters to our lists cost \$200 of which you furnished \$150. I applied \$25 sent me by a man in Massachusetts to be used as I thought best. This leaves \$25 due me. The list of names we secured belong to the League. They ought to be helpful for future work.

I hope you stay on the staff of managers of the state central committee for suffrage under whatever name it be known. (Perhaps an adjustment may be reached by the creation of such an organization.) Your experience is invaluable, and I think you have shown great skill politically, and a patience, forbearance and cation along with your zeal and enthusiasm that makes it most important that you should remain in the service and in authority where all your rare qualities will count for the future.

Need I add that I appreciate the spirit of your request that I take the Presidency of the Political Equality League. When Mrs. Brown put it up to me that I might bring the two organizations together by taking the office she held, I fought it all out with myself. I long to be of service, and the

proposition that some one else shall do the work is always plausible and tempting. I yielded to that kind of persuasion when I went on the National Board, from which I was compelled to resign because I could not meet the demands at all. It never works. There should be no figure heads in positions of responsibility. It is wrong in principle. I shall do all I can to secure the submission of the amendment by the next legislature and if we get it, I hope I may give at least six months to the next campaign before the people.

Yours always,

Belle C. LaSalle

Miss Ada L. James,

Richland Center,

Wisconsin.

The Equal Suffrage League

OF MALHEUR COUNTY

VALE, OREGON

November 26, 1912

Dear Ada,

Cheer up Honey, the worst is yet to come. Two years from now men of Wisconsin will be echoing the November number of Life "This innovation is now getting pretty near home and with no appropriate reduction in the cost of passage to Europe." But aren't you glad that I am a person now - ahh, by - - transmigration and migration. I had my money on Wisconsin tho and in Wisconsin too and Oregon I thought was farther in the distance. But never mind, bigger men than I am, built hopes on this election. Mother writes rather enviously of my elevated status and I write dolefully of the heathens (not feminine by any means) that can congregate on 64,040 sq miles of territory. Or is that the area of Wisconsin - I've most forgotten. But now, down to business. Did you go to New York and to Philadelphia and were the thrills old ones or new ones 'entirely'? I did want to go and so did Bruce but we have a vocation as well as an avocation and the time was valuable

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to say nothing of other expenses. We watched every days Associated Press reports to see Wisconsin right herself but the majority she turned against it exonerates us from all share in her wilfulness. I know there weren't 92 000 men in Wisconsin who were unconvinced and goodness knows we were too young to "begin their education with their grandparents" as we are told to do.

You did splendid work - the whole force worked with the regularity and precision and genius of generals but, human force couldn't have won if this year with all the counter currents that were tangling themselves with our cause. But what a splendid organization to work another campaign upon. - skill in leadership, diplomacy, knowledge of the state and all that.

We worked in this county. There hadn't been anything done until we organized and then our work had to be by circulation thru the mails. We held one big mass meeting and Bruce and I went over to Boise and secured Judge Richards for the evening. He made a splendid address telling of the change in Idaho since suffrage was adopted. If I can find an old paper telling of it, I'll send it. We came out frankly against the liquor question. He

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treated it so, too because in that issue the women have done nobly in Idaho. We couldn't use diplomacy with it here, or ignore it - it was too paramount an issue itself and liquor in this country rings a man's knell quicker and louder than it does back there. They violated the Corrupt Practices Act by circulating unsigned leaflets and the Anti had many women back of them who have influence thru wealth and position. But thank the fine men and the less complex situation in the state, we did win and Mrs. Dunaway sees her life's hope realized at last.

Ada, who is the woman in Wis. to write to regarding the Minimum Wage Issue and Consumers League work? We have a bill in this state coming up before the next Legislature and I want to investigate thoroughly. Is Mrs. Gudden yet an officer? Is she at Oakbrook yet? and are you planning to do any work along that line before you get the ballot?

Bruce says to send you a ballot so you may see what you are coming to. We have popular government in Oregon but if you read the text of some of the proposed laws you will see that the voters don't dare sleep at their posts.

The Equal Suffrage League

OF MALHEUR COUNTY

VALE, OREGON

Do you correspond with the Oregon
Suffrage League? I have been in touch
with them since we began work here, and tho
I haven't been able to attend their rallies and
banquets and report on the campaign,
here in this county, they have seemed near.

Here is one of their letter heads containing
officers that you may like to see. And
now I shall end this epistle. Do write Ada,
so you know you haven't written since
I came west and I haven't been able
to get my woman's journal either. I wrote
Miss Ryan enclosing the year subscription
and asking her to send ~~out~~ here and
to that or a card of inquiry I haven't
received an answer. Have they dis-
continued?

Am going to write to the girls
next, now that Election is over and Thanks-
giving so soon, I shall have time to
write. Doesn't it seem good to be at
home?

Very lovingly yours

Mabel Kester

Have begun to study law
Somebody thoughtfully send me the R.C. Democrat
(Election news)

Madison ^[1912] Number 27.

To

221 Monona Avenue.

Mrs George A. Pickham -
Dear Madam - Your letter of
Number 24th was duly re-
ceived -

In regard to the questions you
ask - I will reply that any
information in regard to
our association - to which
the public has a right -
will be found in the file of the
Secretary of State -

From

Mrs Frank W. Hoyt

Mary E. Hoyt

If you can bring your
young eloquist we'd
like to have her

Nov. 28, 1912

Dear Miss James -

I am delighted
that you and Miss
Grinnon can come.

We will have plenty
of time for adver-
tising with both
papers, the Thanks-
giving services and

of the promising
suffragists in the
afternoon as you
will arrive about
12.30.

This seems to be the
psychological moment.
Miss Lunda Rhodes was
here just prior to the
State Fair and con-
verted two people. Mrs.
Lynman wanted to
come but we have

dodgers distributed
on Friday.

This is the very
first Suffrage speech
that has ever been
delivered in Boscotel,
and almost no
propaganda work
has been done.

Perhaps it would
be a good plan to
have you meet some

never been able to
arrange a meeting.

Some of our people
heard Miss Grimm
at Spring Green and
say she is "great" so
we are able to do vig-
orous advertising.

Mr. Blaine will intro-
duce Miss Grimm and
meet you at the train and
we want you to stay with
us while here. I am
very enthusiastic and
look for good results -

Cordially yours,

Anna Blaine

Nov 25-

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Mr. E.E.Brindley
Richland Center, Wis
Dear Sir:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt
of \$ 2 for a year's subscription
to Progress.

I hope you will enjoy the book and
that it meets with your approval.

Suggestions and news items are received
with thanks.

If it does not reach you regularly, please
inform me.

Yours Respectfully
Oscar H. Morris

Darlington ✓

November 30 - 1912

My dear Miss James -

I am writing just to tell you that Harriet is really much better - is almost free of pain and is sleeping and eating well for all things. You may know that we think her better when I tell you that Dr. Cooke is in Chicago for a few days and that Harriet's sister Mrs. James, left for home this morning. I am the sole survivor - physician - nurse and

Companion.

I am so glad the child is better
in every way. She certainly will
be much relieved by the little
operation - and her nervous
condition is much improved -
She says tell you she is going
to write you upon many days.
Why don't you write out here
some day and make us a call?
We would be delighted to see you
Isn't it a feasible suggestion?

When Dr. Cope gets home we
will discuss the Suffrage issue
and write you fully - Expect
her Saturday evening.

My Michigan doesn't settle her
Court beyond the shadow of
a doubt soon. We will be
wrecks -

Wish you had been in Philadelphia.
I hoped for a change in officers
but I guess that is not to be
expected -

Most cordially yours
Susanne Otter.

OSHKOSH EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE

SARAH JAMES, President

ROOM 1, COOK BLOCK

Oshkosh, Wis.,

Nov. 31, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James

Lobby-Abbott Building Milwaukee,

Dear Miss James, -

We are sending
an order for 200 copies of The State Journal.

Do you think that will be a sufficient
number, and also what you think is the
best way to use them?

We are sending out of Mrs. Bishop to your
father.

I saw such a few of our dodg-
ers went out without our name.

Last night I wrote ordering 6000 cards for

election day.

We are having a full page ad. in our local paper for today, and also three block ads.


This clipping enclosed came out in last night's paper.

Sarah S. Farnie,
per L. J. W.

County Chairmen.

- Brown Co., Mrs. A.E.P. Knox, 210 Ashland Ave., Green Bay, Wis.
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Winnebago Co., Miss Sarah James, Oshkosh, Wis.

[1912, Nov.]

"Summyside"


Brook Wisconsin

My dear Miss James.
You are quite
right. At election time,
different places need
different methods. I am
sure. Our League can
not tell quite yet whether
it will join the State
or National League.

A committee has been appointed to draw up a Constitution, and immediately after the Holidays we shall go to work with new vigor, and a more systematic way.

Most sincerely

Lottie Ludlow

(Mrs Willis Ludlow)

November eighteenth

Nineteen hundred twelve.

THE POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN

1912, Nov.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.,

TO THE SUFFRAGISTS OF _____ COUNTY:-

The Political Equality League, - Headquarters 518 Colby-Abbott Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.- stands ready to assist you in every possible way. Do not hesitate to call upon us for help. We want you to feel that our office here in Milwaukee, is YOUR headquarters in so far as it can serve you in suffrage work.

Is there a suffrage organization in your town or county? If not, can we help you form one? We have five county organizers. We can send one of them to you for a week if you can provide entertainment for her. Please let us know at once. If we are to win this campaign in Wisconsin, we must have every county well organized by July first.

Yours for success in November 1912,

ADA L. JAMES, President.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS.

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- A. Organize with regular officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, calling the organization "POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE OF _____ COUNTY", or any other suitable name. (We would suggest that you make membership fee 50 cents and make both men and women eligible to membership.)
- B. Appoint or elect at once, four committee chairmen, women willing to take responsibility for actual campaign work outlined as follows; giving each committee chairman power to appoint committee members. Make the officers and Committee Chairmen your Executive Board.
- C. SUGGESTIONS FOR WORK OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

1. For Chairman of Finance Committee:

Do not delay the work of this committee. A small campaign fund will be necessary for almost any undertaking and will be increasingly necessary as the work of the county league progresses. Draw up a list of well-to-do liberal minded citizens, men and women who are likely to help; persuade one other good person to go with you, get an automobile and start out. Visit all the people on the list, the men in their offices if possible, and make the best personal appeal you can for contributions to the suffrage work in your county. In this personal canvas try to get contributions or pledges of \$1.00 and up. We would advise you to give this method of raising money a thorough trial before undertaking any of the slower and more laborious methods of raising money.

2. For Chairman of Press Committee:

(a) Keep local papers in the county well supplied with suffrage news and propaganda. See the editor personally, and find out how he stands. If he is favorable, ask him to write editorials. Furnish pictures of well-known suffragists in the community, with their reasons for believing in suffrage. Offer a prize for the best statement of the argument for woman's suffrage. Start a question and answer column on suffrage edited by some well known local woman, etc. etc.

(b) Send all local suffrage news, no matter how unimportant it seems, at once to Mrs. Henry M. Youmans, State Press Chairman, Waukesha, Wis., for use in the press bulletin. Send her notices in advance, of any suffrage affairs to be held in the county and follow that up with accounts after the meeting is over. Do this promptly.

(c) Send the same items of local news to the Woman's Journal, 585 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., and to the National Press Chairman, Miss Caroline I. Reilly, 505 Fifth Ave., New York.

(d) Read carefully all local papers for unfavorable editorials, articles or letters on suffrage and see that everything in this

line is answered promptly by a letter to the editor of the newspaper. These letters will be published, no matter how unfavorable the editor may be to the cause of suffrage. Also, it is important to send a word of appreciation for favorable editorials.

(e) Our weekly press bulletins will be sent to every press chairman, - one for each newspaper in the county. Her most important duty will be to see that this gets to each editor with a personal request that he use items from it in his newspapers.

3. For Chairman of Lecture and Literature Committee:

(a) Study population of your town and county and order literature according to the nationalities represented. Literature can be secured from headquarters in Milwaukee, or from the National Woman's Suffrage Association, 505 Fifth Ave., New York.

(b) See that Libraries, Schools, Clubs and Reading Rooms are well supplied with suffrage literature. Furnish large envelopes full of suffrage literature to be circulated as books by the Libraries.

(c) Announce in the papers and on all bulletin boards, some convenient place where suffrage literature can be secured. Make this place, if possible, a sort of suffrage headquarters.

(d) Distribute suffrage literature at factories, to people coming out of church, and at all meetings of any kind which are held in the town.

(e) Try to get permission to speak on suffrage for a few minutes at the regular meetings of all Trade Unions in your town, at all conventions, Farmer's Institutes, or Teacher's Institutes, Meetings held in your town at the various churches and at regular meetings of Clubs, both for men and women. In each case distribute literature.

(f) Arrange if possible, for at least one big suffrage meeting a month.

(g) Have Suffrage Teas, or receptions at the houses of suffragists as often as possible, perhaps once a week. In every case have some one speak on suffrage, and then have a free discussion and refreshments of some kind served afterwards. We have a list of speakers who will come for expenses.

4. For Chairman of Organization Committee:

(a) Get all known sympathizers enrolled at once as active supporting members, on enrollment blanks similar to enclosed.

(b) Get membership blanks signed and dues paid at every suffrage affair, whether lecture or social gathering.

(c) Divide the town or city into voting precincts. Appoint in each precinct some woman to be captain of that precinct. Make her

responsible for thorough house to house canvass of that district. Have her begin by holding a Tea at her home, some afternoon, and inviting all the women in her precinct to be present. Explain to them that the district is to be organized under her, as captain or leader, and ask for volunteers to help in the house to house canvass. Give each one certain streets to cover. The idea of this house to house canvass is to make a personal call on each family, find out how the voters in the family stand on suffrage and get them to sign the suffrage pledge blank if possible. Enroll women as paying members if possible. If the family is opposed to suffrage, or doubtful, leave literature and call again. THIS CLOSE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK OF THE CAMPAIGN. This should begin as soon as the weather is warm enough, and the chairman of the organization committee in each county should begin now to pick out her captains for each district. ALL SIGNED VOTERS' PLEDGES SHOULD BE MAILED TO HEADQUARTERS FOR FILING. Attached you will find blank and voter's pledge for use in this work. We will furnish these for nothing, in any quantity.

(d) For organization of the smaller towns in the county, we suggest the following method. Get a map of the county divided into townships and plan to organize a campaign committee in each township (or other convenient division.) Arrange by letter a conference with a few women already interested in suffrage in a certain township. At this conference, explain to them the plan of the campaign and urge them to arrange for a larger meeting perhaps a week later, at which the county organization will furnish a speaker. At the close of this larger meeting have your membership blanks signed, and have one responsible woman elected chairman of the suffrage campaign committee of that township. Make her a member of the County Executive Board. Then see that she is invited to all meetings and kept in touch with the county work, so that she can extend the work outlined above into her township. Each town chairman should plan for a canvass of her town or village, using blank and pledge attached, just as the City Ward Leader canvasses her ward.

NOTE. (In many cases these instructions will not apply. They are meant to be helpful suggestions, - not to be followed literally in every case. For instance where there is more than one large town in a county, it is sometimes wiser to have one organization, like the above in each town, instead of one for the whole county.)

To the Secretary of every organization:

Please send names and addresses of all officers and committee Chairmen and Town Chairmen as soon as they are elected or appointed, and all signed voters' pledges to

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, Campaign Manager,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Date

I promise to vote for Woman Suffrage in
November, 1912.

Name

Address

This pledge is for our files and will be considered confidential.

PLEASE RETURN TO
POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE,

Colby-Abbot Bldg., 445 Milwaukee St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.



[1912, Nov.]

Ada dear:

Don't forget to send me a copy of the letter which you wrote to Mrs. Frank Hoyt if you want me to take care of the publishment of it. The mail is being forwarded to me at Madison. We thought this best so that you would not have to take care of a number of details which might be entailed. Crystal and I want to leave you relieved of as much as possible. I will send on anything that I can not take care of and all mail addressed to you.

Crystal went to New York Friday afternoon and I suppose as I write is carrying a torch which doesn't shine any brighter than her eyes. My it seemed so lonesome after you both had gone. I worked Friday afternoon on the accounts and report and came home Friday evening. Miss Sharpe was there and the place was all torn up.

Later

Have just had a caller who stayed forever, was uninvited at that. Mother insists that I must go to bed right away. She is determined to get me in bed early and allows me to sleep late, even though I am really not at all tired. I beat a rug today and put a seat in an old wicker chair, so you see I am still quite spry, even though old age is creeping on me. Well bye bye, Ada dear. I've got to see you about every so often from now on to the end of my life so you might as well make up your mind to the fact that by running off to your good people in God's land, that you can't run away from me. Either you will have to come and see me or I'll have to go and see you, I'm quite sure of that.

With very much love,

Thora

Elmira N. Y. ^[nov] [1912]

✓

Dear Ada —

The gain to

the Philadelphia

row like a good

child. I hope you

letter will tell

me what you want

me to say. I'll

do my best any-

how. I'll write soon
from there. This
is just to tell you

I'll be on the spot
to vote over 7

votes - or as many
more as you say!

Love to you always -

Crystal

I got there early Wednesday
A.M.

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indeed. This campaign has been a social revolution if it did fail to be a political revolution. There are many women who will never be contented to spend their time hereafter playing bridge, and they will be joined by many more let us hope.

Now for election reports. Milwaukee as I told you casts a very light vote on referendum, ordinarily, always less than twenty thousand I believe but the attorney general is Wisconsin's most corrupt politician. Every ruling he made was against us. First the pink ballot and then taking the referendum out of the machine in cities. We consulted lawyers and did all we could but to no avail.

The socialists have twelve thousand party members in Milwaukee. Mr. Berger thought we could count on them. The heads of the Socialist ticket did their best, never failing to speak for suffrage. The rank and file are mostly foreigners and like their beer and hold selfish ideas of liberty. The socialist spoke for us.

Sen. and Mrs. LaFollette conducted a strenuous suffrage campaign. The ~~people~~ anti-saloon people got out personal letters to their members and the outlook was good I thought, except for the pink ballot. Election day we worked at the polls. I was in the eighteenth ward which is largely aristocratic and decidedly democratic but my precinct went for suffrage. The polls closed at eight o'clock and when I went down town to wait for returns I found our ward had only lost suffrage by 36 votes, a difference of 17 votes and we would have carried. The sixteenth ward went for suffrage and all I was overjoyed. I said, "Of course we will carry the ten socialist wards", but on the contrary they turned us down two to one and even three to one.

This is what I have learned, leaders do not deliver the vote. We must reach the individual voter.

Superior is second in size to Milwaukee and as it is also a lake city, it has foreigners and a large floating population. We

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continually urged Superior women to make a house to house canvass. They were too remote to have many speakers so were compelled to depend on their own efforts. They divided the city and made certain women responsible for their own precinct. They faithfully pushed the house to house canvass and this is the result, the whole country went for suffrage 2 to 1--only one precinct in the county was lost and that by four votes only. We carried every town that pushed the house to house canvass.

I am sorry that it seems best for me not to go to Philadelphia but I think I must stay here and get ~~over~~ work in shape. I am in hopes you can return when we have our state convention and that you can become well acquainted with Wisconsin women. Miss Paul will be in Philadelphia as a delegate and others of course. I hope Miss Gale will go also. I think it is of the utmost importance that we should be well represented at the convention but Mrs. Benedict can fill my place better than I could. Mrs. Benedict has worked night and day and like the others has not had a cent for her hard work since last June. At the start I felt sure Mrs. Benedict had ability but was not at all prejudiced in her favor. After working with her for a year I cannot tell you how splendid, how big, broad and capable she proved.

There have been several times when Miss Willis and Miss Heide have asked Mrs. Benedict to co-operate and every time it was she who carried their plans to completion. Their criticisms, snubs, she ignored entirely. Wisconsin women owe her a debt and they owe the National a debt for making it possible for us to have her for campaign manager. Miss Grim with her tact ^{and} ability as a speaker made more votes than any one person. Miss Curtis and Mrs. McCreary did excellent work and these must be added in our debt to you-- you made it possible for us to put the best women in the field.

The Illinois women mothered our campaign almost from the start.

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I hate to think what a puny struggle we would have made had the women from without the state not extended to us such wise and cordial assistance. May Wisconsin women be able to repay the women who have done so much toward securing for their political freedom.

For me, I love and appreciate you all and only pray that you do not feel that your efforts were wasted.

Sincerely,

126 East Dayton St.
Madison, Wis.

[1912] Nov.

Ada dear:

I will be in Richland Center at 12:45 Sunday but I must come back home for Thanksgiving, because I am really going to New York. Crystal found a job for me with the Women's Political Union, and Mrs. Blatch wrote asking whether I would be interested in work as organizer. I question whether I will be a suitable person but I shall take the job anyway and try to find something else if I don't succeed in that. Or I may come back to Wisconsin to my little job at East Division H.S. or ~~ixf~~ if I am needed in suffrage, will go at that again.

I went to the Woman's club with Mrs. Chynoweth this afternoon and we had a long talk about suffrage. The W. W. S. A. had asked Mrs. La Follette and then Mrs. Chynoweth to accept the presidency of the association. Mrs. La Follette felt that she would have to be away too much and Mrs. Chynoweth felt that she could not take the work and would not be the suitable person for the place. Miss Stearns was elected, Mrs. Chynoweth supposed merely as a temporary arrangement, until the two organizations united. She very much favors uniting.

But why am I writing all this when I shall see you so soon? I do hope you can arrange to have Mrs. Youmans, Miss Stearns and Mrs. La Follette there for a conference, but if you cannot maybe we can meet in Madison the end of the week. However in truth I am not needed at the meeting because, don't you know, you and I always seem to agree so I'd merely ditto you. However come back to Madison with me if you can, or come after Thanksgiving (because I know you'd rather be home than here then and probably we could not get together for a conference that day). We can have a meeting say here or at Mrs. La Follette's on Friday and Saturday if necessary and in the meantime I can see more of you before I go east.

I am most anxious to see you not on account of suffrage but on account of you. Mrs. Upham sent me \$30 ~~to~~ today and Mrs. Peckham sent \$10 the other day.

Well bye bye, ^{much} with much love

Flora

Ada dear:

Excuse me for not writing last night. I'll hustle off a letter tonight.

I called Mrs. La Follette up after getting in town and she said that she was leaving for Washington Saturday morning on an early train. She also said that she had written to you and outlined her ideas quite fully. I did not think it necessary to write since you would get her letter ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday so she said. Miss Stearns cannot be in town until next Wednesday. She is in Milwaukee over Thanksgiving and then goes somewhere to a meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

I may be here Wednesday if you come in so be sure to let me know whether you are coming and I will meet you. I haven't heard from Mrs. Blatch and don't know just when I shall go. There is always plenty to do I find, and I have not done a thing about packing and getting ready to leave.

I did not go to the wedding. I got as far as to get in the taxi cab to go to the station and then I did not go but the story is too long to tell. just now.

Mother wants me to go again. I think I shall leave for New York next week sometime, so do not believe I can go to Richland Center again, much as I would like to do so. I can't delay getting east or I may lose whatever chance there is.

Muc love and thanks for a good time.
I gained pounds in Richland Center

Flora.

Am sending this list of factories for you to keep.

Milwaukee County

1912, Dec. 1

My Dear Miss James.

In Miss Gale's
letter, written while with
you, she ~~states~~ your
plans to be in Madison
soon. I hope I may
see you, and that
we may confer about
matters relating to the

future plans for their
furthering of the movement
for Equal Suffrage
Please inform ^{me} a day
or two before your coming,
and if you plan to
have a meeting in
Madison in January,
of all those women in
the State who are interest-
ed. It will be necessary

to know in good time,
for we will want the Thomas
Building and it is very much
in demand and hard to get.

Hoping to see you, I am
Yours most Sincerely.

Edna E. Chynoweth.

December the 1st. 1912.

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HOW TO ORGANIZE A LOCAL SUFFRAGE CLUB.

1. Talk with three or four Suffragists in your community and call a meeting of the leading women of your town or vicinity on the porch or lawn, or in the parlor of some home. If your county has a president, ask her to attend and help; if there is no association, go ahead and organize your community. Decide, in advance who will make the best leader and have some one ready to nominate her for president, at the meeting.
2. Ask the brightest speaker to give a brief and pointed talk on the tremendous growth in Suffrage sentiment and the great good accomplished by women where they have become active in civic work. A twenty-minute talk is long enough.
3. Let the presiding officer state that, in order to keep pace with thinking people everywhere will organize a Suffrage League, or a Suffrage and Civic League. Then let her call immediately for nominations for the presidency. After the president has been chosen, elect, promptly, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.
4. These four officers should confer, and select the following chairmen of committees: Press Chairman, who shall supply the local papers with all the Suffrage news they will take and send all local news to "The Citizen", *State Suffrage Headquarters*, Waukesha; Membership Chairman, who shall secure the names of men and women as members of the League; Finance Chairman, who will find ways and means of securing money to carry out the campaign decided upon; Lecture and Literature Chairman, who will secure Suffrage Speakers, see that the topic is presented at all conventions and popular meetings, and that suffrage literature is distributed wherever it will do good.
5. Fix a time for the regular meeting which should be held each month. Make your second meeting, in part, social.
6. Decide on a Fifty Cent yearly membership fee, or on Free Membership, with collections, and subscriptions from those who wish to give.
7. Report your organization and list of officers to the State Suffrage Headquarters, Waukesha. Ask Headquarters to send you speakers. Order literature from them.
8. Organize your Suffrage League this week. Every town and community in Wisconsin MUST be organized. You are the one to lead in your community. **START NOW!**

THEODORA W. YOUNG, President

ALICE B. CURTIS, Executive Secretary

WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Waukesha, Wisconsin

[1912, Nov.]

Mrs. Edward Stanlaw Jordan
Kenosha, Wisconsin ✓

My dear Miss James.

Our rejoicing over the great victories have almost made us forget our local defeat. It was inevitable I believe and nothing that the League could have done would have changed the result. When I consider the time, energy and money which a number of

able women here. put into the
campaign, I began to realize the
magnitude of the opposition. I am
sending you the reports in Kenosha
County and a statement of our
intention to "fight on". I consider
the defeat of Karel a great point
in suffrage. We will be at the
conference - and are anxious to
know the situation & plans for work.
Hope that you are having as much
need real and are benefiting by it.
Yours to the point. L. H. Jordan

[1912, Nov.]

Mrs. Edward Stanlaw Jordan
Kenosha, Wisconsin

P. S. - I find a check for due
to the National which has been
overlooked during the strenuous
week preceding election.

At the end of the week, I expect
Rev. Marion Murdock of San
Francisco who will remain

in Kenosha for two or three
weeks. I am sure you would
find her a splendid speaker
for the conference, if it is to
be held during her stay.

Have you any National Convention
arrangements? Mine has been
lost during the rush? It is quite
possible that I may go.
Truly yours
Loetitia J. Jordan

[1912, Nov. ?]
27 West 11
N.Y.C.

Aida -

I to the liberal truth I have never had a moment to write you - just barely grabbed time to send the papers. I hope they were some fun. It was great and I'm crazy to tell you all about it.

I'm coming back Dec 15 or perhaps

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a little earlier. Well that do?

I think I smoothed things out pretty well with the other delegation - Here are these letters - I never got them typed written at all - no time. Convention lasted till this noon - cost me about \$30 in all I guess. Cheer up - it was worth it - I ~~met~~ met an old friend and had the time of my life! endless love to you - Crystal

Dear Miss James

2701 Cedar Street
[1912] Dec 1

This is to tell you how
much I miss getting letters from
you and Crystal.

If the campaign did nothing
else for me I am happy to have
known all you people in the office.
I want you to know that you have

a very staunch admirer, right here
and don't ever let me hear of your
coming to Milwaukee without first letting
me know.

I started out on this card so
that I could not run on and on
as you will know I can.

Sincerely yours,
Sunday December 2nd. Edna Wright

Voted against it
 Voted for it
 Did not vote

Our Nov. 5 1912

I intend to vote for Woman Suffrage ~~Nov. 5, 1912.~~
When it is voted on again

Name

Address

If you are with us, please fill out this card and return it to

THE POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE,

518 Colby-Abbot Bldg., 445 Milwaukee St.

Milwaukee, Wis.

We want to remind all our friends just before election.



~~Did you vote for or against it on Nov 5-1912~~

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On this side of card I
would like the fact that
we cost 132000 votes

That ~~13~~¹⁴ countries gave a majority
and name them
that we now have 9 states
or 10? - also name them

I want these cards to distribute
at my meetings - and I
wish you would make a request for
them

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., Dec. 2 1912

Dear Chairman:—

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According to the suggestions of Mrs. Henry Johnson of Superior and others, we have decided to ask for a detailed report from each county, so that we can go on from where we left off rather than to make another beginning. It will also enable us to learn the points of weakness and strength in the campaign. For this purpose, we wish to have the enclosed blanks filled out one to be kept in your files and the other for ours, and sent to us not later than December 15. We ask the latter so that a summary may be made and presented before the convention.

Will you also send two delegates to the convention, and let us know as soon as possible who the delegates and alternates will be?

Yours very cordially

Ada L. James

President.

Dear Miss James—

We have no organization in Peshtigo, so I can't do much at filling out the papers you sent. Here in this little place we must try and do more with the German population and to many women, themselves, are indifferent.

Respectfully,
Mrs. O. Nelson

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December 2nd. 1912.

Dear President:-

At the very beginning of our new year of suffrage activity, I wish to tender to you and to your Association, my sincere appreciation and thanks for the co-operation which made the National Convention, just closed, the most successful one in our history, and in the opinion of many, the most remarkable gathering in the history of any reform movement. If you were unable to attend, I hope you secured the press reports and rejoiced with us. notwithstanding the uniform desire of the press to enlarge each discussion into a turmoil, when it was merely the honest and earnest difference of judgment as to the better course to pursue in the interest of the cause.

No newspaper report, however, could give an adequate account of the influence of the convention itself, and of the vast multitudes of earnest listeners who over-crowded the great halls and filled the streets while scores of devoted suffragists, men and women, sacrificed their own comfort and pleasure to address the street crowds who constantly called for more.

The inspiring cause of this enthusiasm was, doubtless, the unprecedented victories which have added four more States to those in which the principle of the right of the people to govern themselves has been incorporated into law. This fact, with the activity of suffragists throughout the whole nation, and the active participation of women in the recent Presidential campaign, has lifted our cause out of the plane of academic discussion and theory into a practical issue. The adoption of a woman suffrage plank in the various party platforms, brings to our aid the strongest political force in the nation. When political parties vie with each other in advocating our measure, how absurd is the question "Is woman suffrage progressing"?

State Presidents.

While we rejoice in the fact that political parties incorporate suffrage into their platforms, we must guard against making our Association a partizan body. Let us keep constantly in mind the position we have always held, and which we re-affirmed at Philadelphia, that our Association is a non-partisan body and as such may not be used to advance the interests of any one political party.

However, the greatest danger which befalls a reform is too great success. It is then that its advocates need to be most watchful, lest the spirit which gave it birth may languish. A reform is valuable only so long as the spirit within it lives and permeates its activities.

To the officers and members of your Association who attended the Convention, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the moral aid and active support, so freely given in a most trying position. Never did we realize the need and importance of loyal and co-operative service more, without which no Association can prosper.

I am sending you this message to assure you that your National President knows no geographical divisions, and as last year I travelled in the service of the Association from Wisconsin to the Gulf States of Florida and Texas, from Massachusetts to Oregon, I am ready this year to do everything in my power in the service of the Association. Were it necessary I would ask your loyal support of the National Association and your sympathetic and helpful co-operation with your officers. The national Association is valuable and successful as it serves its members, and it can do this only when there is a mutual desire for helpful co-operation.

The Official Board invites and welcomes helpful criticism and suggestions. In fact it desires both, but it wishes to have them made directly to the Board. Only as we are trustful and give genuine sympathy and support each to the other, can our great cause prosper.

The past year has been unprecedented in the increase of membership in the National Association. The actual dues-paying membership has nearly doubled and eight times as many auxiliaries have joined this year than joined our Association last year. May we not hope for equal progress in 1913.

[1912, Dec 2?]

State Presidents,

I am enclosing a series of questions, which I would be very grateful to have answered immediately, as the information is needed at your National Headquarters .

With the sincere hope that there may be added a sufficient number of States to our flag this year to round out the original thirteen at least, and that yours may be one., I am, with a great longing to serve you and our Association,

Faithfully yours,

Anna A Shaw
President. *per J. G.*

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Yours for a coming victory



CUSTOMERS ROOM

State Bank of Evanston

Evanston, Ill.

Dec 3, 1912.

My dear Miss James,
You must have
been surprised at my telegram
but no more than I was to
find Mrs. Benedict using
the 13 votes of the W. P. E. L. against
the things the rest of the Middle
West was standing for and
lining up with President
Thomas and the Eastern
part of the machine. Mine,

Iowa, Mo. Ind, O. Ok.
 Ky. Ill. Mich, yes and Tenn.
 + Va. were with us solidly
 against that plural voting
 scheme. So I said as
 much to Mrs. Benedict +
 she said you had instructed
 her so to vote. I asked to
 see the instructions + she
 said you had written her.
 I really did not believe it
 + wanted something definite
 from you so we could have
 the benefit of those 13 votes

for the matters the people wanted. However we had plenty of votes at last + they say Mrs. Benedict did stand with us on the final amendment against plural voting. It came up several times.

If we could have abolished plural voting last year, then this year Alice Blackwell would not have been defeated as she was by Miss Anita Whitney of California who was comparatively unknown.

Alice B. had the hearts of those present, with her but the absentee vote was just enough to turn the scale. As we had a secret ballot on 2nd V. P. I do not know how Mrs. Benedict voted but probably against Miss Blackwell as M. Cary Thomas was strong in her opposition to Miss Blackwell + told me she had votes enough to defeat her. I was urging Miss Thomas to use her power to harmonize + then she told me they would not harmonize on Miss Blackwell.

Well the great convention is



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State Bank of Evanston

Evanston, Ill.

over and it was a great meeting in many respects.

The new year promises much in the way of suffrage legislation + I see your W. W. S. A. is reorganizing with Miss Stearns as Pres. Is she acceptable to both sides + does this mean a coalition of all forces?

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Ohio is beginning again
mightily in earnest. Might
it not be that you in Wis. were
"counted out" as the Mich. Gover-
nor intimates was done in some
Mich. counties? Your people
in some places seemed indif-
ferant but I had no sense
of such a great opposition

Yours truly,

Catharine W. Mculloch.

I began this while
I was washing
in the bank

✓
Viola, Wisconsin.

December 4, 1912.

Miss Ada James,

Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I am writing to you with regard to the suffrage question. Nothing whatever, has been done here. Most of the men are quite strongly opposed to woman suffrage. I believe that we could find many women who would be glad to join a suffrage club if they had an opportunity. I spoke to several of the girls about a Political Equality Club and they were very interested. Will you please send me some suggestions? I want to do anything that I can for the work. What is the address of the "Woman's Journal"?

I teach the first and second grades here and enjoy my work very much. Grace and Mabel teach near here. Can't you arrange to come up and stay with us for a couple of days? We would like very much to have you.

Must close for this time,

Most sincerely,
Bessie Harv.

1912, Dec. 4



My dear Ada: -

If in your busy days you should happen to think of my whereabouts, you could have no idea of them, I'm sure -

I shall be here until the week before Christmas, when I go to my son's for the holidays - Then I start for the Atlantic Coast.

Are you going to call a meeting of the state P. S. L.?

Mrs. Benedict thought you would about the middle of this month. Hope it -

is called it will be here in
Milwaukee before I leave -

Did you get my letter -
sent to Phil? It was
not necessary, but I was
"too full for utterance."

And am glad, indeed,
so foolish a supposition was
voted down so heartily: the
suggestion of such a possible
ruling has in no way damp-
ened Miss Giddum's ardor
for the Progressive party,
apparently.

I had a dear letter from
Mabel (Mrs. Kester) weeks ago;
and shall give myself the
pleasure of answering it, in

the near future.

It must seem good to you to be at home again.

Oh, if we had a governor who would stand up for us as Gov. Osborn of Mich. does for those women! As he does a-
gainst organized liquor: he says "Let us ascertain if liquor owns and runs the state of Michigan"

It just does that very thing in Wis. I believe ours is the most whiskey-burdened of any state in the Union.

With love to you and kind
regards to your family.

~~Your ever~~
Henrietta C. Lyman

12-4-'12.

509 Jackson St.,
Milwaukee.

CLARA M. DAVIS, M. D.
TUSSING BUILDING
LANSING, MICHIGAN

December
Fifth
Nineteen-twelve.

Dear Miss James:

I have within the last five weeks become acquainted professionally and through Ann Arbor friends, with Miss Mary Randolph Thomas, a young person of some charm and ability, who has told me that she was active in the Wisconsin equal suffrage campaign, and that you are a close friend of hers.

AS you probably know Miss Thomas is not in good health at the present time, and is in fact at the River Pines Sanitarium, Stevens Point Wisconsin now.

May I ask you to inform me as to whether you have been intimately associated with Miss Thomas, and who are her nearest relatives and friends, as there are some matters I should prefer to discuss with them rather than with Miss Thomas herself.

Assuring you that I shall be most grateful for any information you may be able to give me, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

Miss Ada James,
Colby-Bartlett Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Clara M. Davis

Altoona, Wis.

Dec. 6, 1912.

Political Equality League,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mesdames:

Would you please send me material for a debate of, "Woman's Suffrage". I am in favor of Woman's Suffrage, but I need points to convince others. Please send as soon as possible.

Thanking in advance for future favors, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Miss Margueritte Gunter,

Altoona, Wis.

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NEILLSVILLE, WIS., Dec. 6, 1912.

Dear Miss James, -

I seem to have been taking a vacation since election, and find I have not given attention to the communication of Nov. 7.

Our officers will doubtless remain as above with the Neillsville address for each until the official year expires next July.

2. Total number of members - 74.

Just at present we have only about two dollars in the treasury and so are not in a position to join a state league as the per capita tax would amount to \$7.40.

We will have to call a general meeting before any step can be taken. That should have been done already. I plead guilty to neglect.

I have not learned whether there is to be a union of the societies, but judge not, although

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it would seem expedient.

I feel that the convention held in Madison should by all means be held in January that there may be all possible chance to influence legislators.

I remember seeing the assembly chamber once quite lacking in members when Jenken Lloyd Jones came to give a suffrage address, but the subject has been popularized until I think members can be induced to listen.

In your letter of Dec. 2, you ask that we send delegates. As we are an independent society still, probably we are not entitled to delegates.

Did you receive the ten dollar contribution from our league soon after election?

Our secretary tells me she received no acknowledgment.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. S. M. Marsh.

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Miss Ada James,

Colby Abbott Bldg.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:

We are advised that you are in a position to quote us the present address of Miss Mary Thomas, formerly of Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wis. and as we are desirous of getting in touch with her, we would appreciate if you would advise us by return mail just what her address is.

Thanking you in advance for an early response, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

CARSON PIRIE SCOTT & CO.

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Weyauwega, Wis. Dec. 7, 1912

My Dear Miss James:

I was very
sorry not to see you at the
Convention. A Miss Williams
from Nebraska met me as
we left the train and we
kept together during the time
we remained in Philadelphia.
I would like to know what
to you seems best as to trying
for another Amendment now
or of conducting an educa-
tional campaign first.
Being too deaf to hear while
seated with the delegation I
stayed in front and far

that reason had little time to confer
with any of the Wisconsin women
Kewaunee village voted for the amendment
Kaukauna City " " " "
" County " " " "

The above facts were very gratifying to me
and I rejoiced over the new free states
which is perhaps enough good news
so we should be resigned to our
delay as a state I have not seen
the full report of our state

A prohibitionist lectured in many
of the counties north of us continuously
and spoke for woman suffrage and
distributed much literature which I
furnished him He asked me to
watch the result as he was sure
he converted many for our cause
I am anxious to see the completed
returns

I sincerely thank you for your help
in our county - and throughout the
state. It was a great factor for good.

Sincerely your friend

Hannah E. Petchino

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Dear Mrs. LaFollette:-

You will be interested in knowing the result of my conference with Miss Stearns and others.

After thinking your letter over carefully for a day or two I concluded you were right in regard to "one head", but I still think there should be several independent branches and they must be granted much independence and latitude. Miss Stearns and I while differing ~~rad~~ radically as to method, have remained personally most cordial. I was glad she was elected president of the W.W.S.A. but the latter wanted us to unite under their constitution.

It seemed to me we ought to hold a joint convention of all the suffrage societies and with this idea in mind I went to Madison Wednesday, to confer with Miss Stearns and Mrs. Chynoweth. They both approved of the plan, which is as follows:- A convention call will be ^{signed} sent out by the presidents (including the men's league and college societies) for a convention to be held in Madison, the third week in January probably Thursday and Thursday. The Madison league will engage the Woman's Building for the regular sessions and the assembly chamber for the evening meetings. We are trying to secure Brand Witleck for the evening. At the convention new officers and new constitution will be discussed.

Miss Stearns and I thought it would be a good plan to have Miss Whitney come if possible and round up all the college league in the state, including the Normal girls of course. Miss Whitney was here a year ago and I have written to Mrs. Benedict who is in New York

to see if Miss Whitney can come.

Mrs. Youmans could not come to Madison but I hope to see her soon, she must be persuaded to act as president, fearless and always sound in judgment as well as popular.

Miss Stearns thinks we ought not try to ~~pass~~ pass a bill this winter, but the women are impatient and they won't work unless there is something definite to work for. But this can be settled at the convention.

Before I went to Madison I sent out over 100 letters like the enclosures the replies are coming and you have no idea how interesting they are.

I very much appreciate what you wrote concerning me and my work, but both have been greatly overestimated. I had but two qualifications where I ought to have had a dozen. I like politics and I like people, knowing my limitations I surrounded myself with the best of advisers and workers, and I find myself receiving credit for much of their experience and ability. Mrs. Benedict deserves a large share of it. Some gossip was repeated to me at Madison and lest it has come to you I want to say that it is absolutely false. Mrs. Benedict is the sole of honor, she is broad, generous and impulsive, she is also most charming in her home. I saw a good deal of her home life and it is sweet and wholesome. Mr. Benedict is an enthusiastic suffragist and when it was necessary for her to come to the office in the evening or on Sunday, Mr. Benedict usually came and worked with us.

As for my being on the staff of the state central committee it is not necessary, as I have kept a record of the work and am now trying to complete it. We used the card catalogues, and I hope to get all the names transferred in a book I kept of the pledged voters, and record them in their respective cities and towns. Then I should like to make a report and certain recommendations which have come out of my experience. I think we ought to have an experienced executive secretary, a press agent, and as many organizers as we can afford. Those of us

connected with the office realize the urgent need of money, and the futility of relying on volunteer help. Personally I am planning on doing my own house work and contributing this money I save to the campaign. I appreciate the privilege of being in my own home and I am willing to earn the privilege. My leisure time I wish to give to my own county.

The last issue of Progress takes unto itself credit for having defeated suffrage and urges its subscribers to begin work now against suffrage. They have declared the issue there is but one thing for us to do and that is fight it out on these lines. I appreciate what an undertaking this is too.

Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones gave me some excellent advise, he said the Journal stood ready to do all it could to further our enfranchisement as he knew it was a n important step in Democracy, but he made a good point I had overlooked, and that was*---we must not use suffrage to further the interests of the Journal but the Journal for suffrage and made it clear how this should be done. In a measure of course it is bound to be mutual.

This is a long letter to a busy woman from me, but I think it is important that you should know what we are doing. I am grateful to you for your frank opinion and hope you will feel free to express yourself unreservedly, I shall always understand as we both have nothing but the best interests of the work at heart.

Sincerely yours

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My dear Miss James: -

I enclose suggestions for meeting in Madison January 22-23, 1913. Please let me know what you think about them.

I have been thinking over your union plan - that is, to have branches of a union organization. I believe thru this method our "last state would be as bad as our first," as each branch would have to have officers, some form of headquarters & c. - & there

(over) (over)

would be the same old misunder-
standings in the public mind, &c.
Upon what would the union
organization exist? If members
of the branches paid dues to the
branches - how would the union
organization as such be sup-
ported? To my mind, there would
really be no union; each of the
present organizations would
have its own officers with the
attendant expense & all. Now
what we need is a union of
all organizations under one
name, one set of officers, (taken
from the various organizations that merge)
one headquarters & annual dues
to one organization. No paid
workers, except competent stenographers
- each officer giving her services
freely. This is the sort of platform

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upon which I accepted the presidency of the Wis. Woman's Suffrage Ass'n—that is, I am in office to help to bring this about, as I could not possibly work under the conditions that have obtained in this State during the past two years & which contributed so unfortunately to the defeat of the movement. We have been all split up & have failed; now let us try absolute union & see what that will do.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours
Lutie E. Stearns

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Note. - Personally I believe that delegates should come uninstructed, thus giving opportunity for a change of opinion after hearing all sides - action taken to be ratified by the organizations at later meetings after delegates report back action taken.
L. E. S.

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Dr. Clara M. Davis,
Tussing Building,
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Doctor:-

Miss Thomas was a teacher in Kenosha, Wis. last year, and did some suffrage work during the school year, at the close of school she came to Milwaukee and began work with us. But owing to her physical condition was only able to work about three weeks I think.

I think Miss Thomas has only one near relative, a sister with whom she is alienated. She told us of two or three friends but I cannot recall their names. When Miss Thomas condition became known to us, she seemed so frail, so helpless and alone, that we tried to do all we could for her, which consisted largely in persuading her to go to Ann Arbor. She insists that Miss Wells, Miss Capen, Mrs. Benedict and myself are the best friends she ever had.

I have invited her to visit me when she is able to leave the River Pines Sanatorium. I wonder whether you can tell me whether her Ann Arbor treatment was successful and whether they pronounce her cured? Miss Thomas wrote that the treatment was entirely successful.

I am afraid I have not answered your questions very satisfactorily, but it is the best I can do, I think Miss Capen or Miss Benedict will remember the names of the friends she spoke of.

Sincerely yours

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Dear Miss Stearns:

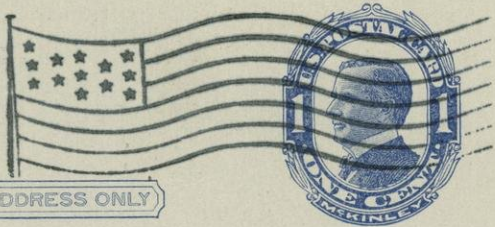
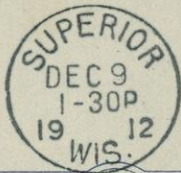
Enclosed are the draft of the letter to the county
chairmen and an outline of a program. I am as interested in seeing yours
to-morrow as I was in penny "sprise" boxes thirty years ago.

Hastily

Superior Dec 5th
Dear ~~Miss James~~

By all means
put off the meeting until January
Every body busy now.

Thank you for being so generous
as to use my name in your letters.
But you need not have done it.
I shall be glad to hear from you.
With best wishes Mary Scott Johnson



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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., Dec 9 1912

To the Editor:-

We appreciate the progressive attitude your paper has taken on the question of enfranchising the women of our state.

In an editorial of November 7th, you manifest surprise at the negative vote on the suffrage referendum, permit me to say we were no less surprised and have made a careful study of the situation. The result of our investigation will doubtless prove interesting to every man and woman who believes that Wisconsin is free from the domination of the Big Interests.

We expected to find indifference as the majority are always indifferent to progress, the size of the vote on all referendums proves this. We could not find an instance where Wisconsin had ever cast a vote of 200,000 on an amendment, while Milwaukee county has always fallen below 30,000. Compare the following figures and you will see there was little indifference on the subject.

For Suffrage	Against Suffrage	Total
132,015	224,391	356,401
For Gov. McGovern	For Judge Karel	
179,779	168,203	347,982

Milwaukee cast a vote of 18,643 for and 39,538 against, total 58,181.

Had you studied the record of amendments and been told that 132,000 votes would be cast for it, you would have declared suffrage would carry with a good majority.

Here is the story of our defeat. Wisconsin is the third state in the union in the manufacture of fermented liquors, the second in the output of malt; these liquor interests are capitalized at \$85,894,000.

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Dear Mrs. Dennett,

A letter received from Mrs. Plummer requests me to write to you and state my opinion on the desirability of having a branch of the National established at Chicago. It seems to me a very good plan for several reasons, first we are to have a parcels post with the beginning of the new year, and Chicago will be in the first or second zone (first if we continue headquarters in Milwaukee, second if we open an office in Madison) in either case it would make a very great difference in postage. Then too it will be a great saving in time. I speak from experience, frequently during our campaign we phoned to Chicago and had literature orders filled for the various parts of the state the same day the order was received. And sometimes in fact frequently during a campaign it is absolutely necessary to have supplies at once.

And I can't begin to tell you how much "cheaper transportation" will cut down our expenses.

Regretting that I could not be present at the National Convention, I am as ever cordially yours

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Carson Pirie Scott & Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

Miss Thomas is in a sanatorium and she requested me to have her business mail sent to her lawyers, McCullech and McCullech, Chicago, or the letter might be sent to Mrs. Catherine Waugh Mc Cullech, Evansten, Ill.

Hoping that this will prove satisfactory information,

Sincerely yours

[1912, DEC. 9]

424 School St

Oconto, Wisconsin

Dear Miss James,

Enclosed you will find
blank filled out to the best of my ability,
it is hard to make things definite with
out comment.

I am very much in favor of a Jan-
uary meeting in Madison in preference
to a Milwaukee meeting this month, the
public is too much taken up with the
holiday work to take much interest in
politics, and I do not see how a meeting
in Milwaukee can have the influence
politically that it can in Madison. Yet
there is this, the legislators have not as
yet forgotten the hisses of some of the
hysterical suffragettes, and that will mil-

itate against us. I think that one thing will keep us from securing the vote of the senator from this district, at least he will make that his excuse.

Our local league will send one delegate, myself. It must look to you as if I were the whole Political Equality League of Ontario, but there are some twenty odd members, most of them on the order of the vermiciform appendix when it comes to usefulness.

Most sincerely yours,
Helen B. Giff.

(Mrs. James J. Giff.)

12/5/12

Hayward, Dec. 9th 1912.

Ada L. James.

Your letter and questions were duly received. I have answered them to the best of my ability. As you know, we are not much of a league we are doing some good work for our cause. With Rev. Mrs. Barnes as my Treas. we have enlisted several good women to help us in the remote parts of our County, have worked hard, and must tell you that every voting precinct throughout County - including Indian Reservations -

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carried a good majority
for suffrage. we are proud
of our County. and delighted
to be citizens of same.

We can not send delegates
but stand ready to do what
ever we can. I should love to
attend but think it impracticable.

With best wishes for success
I am yours for service

Mrs. DeWitt Ramsdell

Chowan. Tanager Co.

P. E. L.

Madison, Wis. December 9, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

I am in receipt of two copies of a rough draft of letter to be sent to Chairman, but none of the proposed programs. I suppose the extra copy of the one was sent by mistake in place of the other.

I have gone over your draft of letter to be sent to Chairman, and I find that it agrees only in part with my idea of what the call should be. In your first paragraph you say: "A conference was held in Madison, December 4th". This is, of course true in part--we did hold a conference, but many people might object to the fact that they were not invited to these deliberations. I think, therefore, that it might be well to omit this item.

In your second paragraph, you say: "Officers will be elected and the method of conducting future campaigns, freely discussed." This might give those who receive it the idea that something new was to be started in the State, whereas, I believe we want a union of all the old organizations, together with a lot of new members.

I like your last paragraph very much indeed. but I think we should state the purpose of the meeting very much more definitely so that those who receive the call will not think that it is to be simply a rally and something new started.

Miss James. Sheet #2.

My idea would be something of this nature:

(Heading)

Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association.

(I am placing this first owing to its priority of origin.)

Political Equality League.

American Suffragettes.

Madison, Wis. Dec. ___ 1912.

To the Friends of the Woman's Suffrage Movement in Wisconsin:-

A
conference of the State Suffrage organizations, and of all others interested, will be held in Madison, January 22-23, 1913, for the purpose of ^{bringing about a} ~~discussing a proposed~~ union of the organizations, ^{the} future policy of the suffrage work, and to devise ways and means for carrying on the next suffrage campaign in the State.

The meeting will be opened at 2:00 in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 22, in the Women's Building. A dinner will take place at the conclusion of the afternoon session, to be followed by a meeting in the Assembly Chamber of the Capitol. Another meeting will be held on Thursday morning ^{and afternoon} January 23, in the Women's Building.

The following program will be carried out:

[Here insert program as finally determined.]

Every man and woman interested in this great subject of democracy should be present. The recent campaign will be freely discussed, its strength and its weaknesses, with the idea of making the next campaign a successful one.

Miss James, Sheet #3.

Please come and urge your friends to attend also. No one can afford to be indifferent on so vital a question.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Lutie Stearns, *Pres. W. W. S. A.*

Ada L. James, *Pres. P. E. L.*

Martha Heide, *Amer. Suff.*

*H. A. J. Upham
College League*

How does all this strike

you?

*at business meeting on Thursday morning,
to be held for ratification of the proposed
union the voting representation will be one
delegate for every 20 paid up members, the delegates:*

"Just Like a Letter from Home"

The Waukesha Freeman

H. M. Youmans, Publisher

Waukesha, Wis., Monday,
December 9,
1912

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Mrs. Youmans has asked me to write to you explaining that her father's serious illness has necessitated her absence from the city for the past week. There is small change in his condition and the time of her return is, of course, dependent upon his improvement.

Relative to your inquiry about holding the suffragist meeting she advises deferring the conference until after the Christmas preparations are over. She herself could not attend this month but hopes to be with you in January if the meeting is deferred until then.

We will forward promptly to Mrs. Youmans any letters which you may address to her at this office.

Sincerely,

Era J. Reid

Madison, Wisconsin,

December 10, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

I ~~am returning herewith~~ ^{sent you} the duplicate paper sent here by mistake. I am in receipt this morning of your proposed program. As I understand it, we want to enlist the interest of more people in the work and we therefore need something along inspirational lines more than we do along the line of what has been done, such as the reports of county chairmen would give us.

I do not quite understand "Organization of men's Leagues", "Organization of College Leagues". Do you intend to organize them right then and there, or do you intend to talk on the subject of such organization?

As to the "enemy" which I note you have down for a thirty minute talk upon,- I should think it would be wiser to ignore it altogether except as it may appear in Mrs. Youmans' talk. You know when David Rose ran for Governor, he took pains to malign LaFollette all over the state. LaFollette never mentioned his enemy in any way, and it really made more friends for him than if he had replied to him.

I think what we need in this meeting is to inspire each individual ~~there~~ to renewed effort, ignoring on the first day all county organizations and other lines of division, but simply hammering away on the main issue as it would be presented by Jenken Lloyd Jones, and Mrs. Johnson of Topeka, if I can get her, and others named. My copy of my program is in Milwaukee, unfortunately, so I cannot refer to it here, but what I am trying to get at is the inspirational side, and letting the organization part come when people are aroused to the necessity for union, rather than emphasize the old county and other divisions which separate us.

I like your idea at the Thursday morning meeting relative to financing the campaign, and I think that that should be covered in the committee which I have called "Ways & Means" as opposed to the one that I have designated "Policy",-- the latter rather taking up the whole issue and the Ways & Means Committee considering purely the financial side.

I don't think that we need dwell much on the reports of the county chairmen, or on what has been done, except as perhaps outlined in the bright paper which I am sure Mrs. Youmans

(over)

would give us. What we want to look toward in all this is the future rather than the past. I know that of course some county organizations in the state were strong and did good work, but there were a lot of them that really did nothing to amount to anything, and personally, I hope that we may through this meeting inspire individuals to get out and hustle, not leaving it to organizations in county or state to do the work, as has been pretty much the experience in the past.

I have not heard yet from Brand Whitlock, nor from Mrs. Chynoweth. I suppose that the latter will have to confer with the local people. Please let me know what you think of the above.

Sincerely yours.

Later L. E. Stearns

Mrs. Chynoweth has been in since this was dictated. She says that the local organization is not inviting us to meet here; that the action taken by them was in accordance with the suggestion made in your + Mrs. Benedict's letter relative to a proposed meeting here. I got my information from a woman who was present who thought they invited us to meet here. Mrs. Chynoweth says

she will see what she can do about
getting the Woman's Building - that
\$25 may have to be paid for
its use. She will let us know
later about it.

Sincerely yours.

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Kilbourn Wis.

Dec. 10, 1912

Dear Miss Jamie,-

Your letter
addressed to Mrs W. B. Shute
was handed to me.

It seems that I am the
only one left of our
organization. The rest
will have nothing to do
with it. Have been trying
to get them together and
see what we shall do,
but can do nothing alone.

Mrs Dougherty our treasurer
will be in town all winter.
I am going away soon

Very Sincerely

Mrs V. H. Lovdeck Sec

V

Chippewa Falls Wis
Dec 11 - 1912

Dear Miss James:
I handed a report
to the Pres. of the women's
Club, of all the work
we did from last sum-
mer until after election
all acct. of expense
and subscription this
remained \$1.76 due
for telegrams and
express and tickets -
nothing further was
said about it w. I found
that myself, preferring

Mrs. Henry Colman

to do it rather than
 ask for help which
 was not offered. I
 sent \$200 to Milwaukee ^{by express} before
 election for publi-
 cation - but never heard
 from it nor received the
 tickets - and think you
 could apply that on
 the Catholic literature
 which was sent. At
 that time I was obliged
 to order special tickets
 for election day. Shall I
 send you a copy of our
 acct? I am trusting

very much trouble with
my eyes and can
not use them much.
We were disappointed
of course at the
result, but had not
much hope, let us
hope for better
things another time

Very sincerely

Wm. J. Riley

Presbyterian Church

JAMES W. LAUGHLIN

MINISTER

839 MILTON AVENUE

V

Janesville, Wis. Dec. 11th 1912

My dear Miss James.

I am mailing you the answered questions. It is difficult to give exact figures but we have approximated. Some we have no means of finding out. See question marked X. We began our canvass briskly but the friendly mention but we call it off because many men disliked to be asked to commit themselves. All women are not tactful either. We stopped our canvass after working one day - that is, with the cards. We did not find the cards helpful, & often they antagonize

men who don't want to commit themselves.
Our friendly men advised us to not use them, &
to just write their names in our own books as
for or against after we had had a friendly interview.
So we can't tell how many we influenced.

We found personal work very good indeed.

We suggest - traveling suffrage libraries for villages
& rural districts of readable popularly written
arguments. Six or eight good books sent from
township to township ~~then~~ to a distributor or
chairman would awaken intelligent workers
for the next campaign. Tracts & dodgers are good
in the midst of the campaign but a few books
would be better now.

Very sincerely,
Mrs J W Laughlin

Presbyterian Church

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839 MILTON AVENUE

Janesville, Wis.

State of Wisconsin

James A. Frear
Secretary of State
L. B. Nagler
Asst. Secretary



Office of the
Secretary of State

Madison December 11, 1912.

Mrs. Geo. W. Peckham,
#646 Marshall Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam;-

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th instant, will say that the amount expended by the Association opposed to Woman's Suffrage, as shown by financial statement filed November 14th, 1912, is \$1239.29.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Frear
Secretary of State.
Per *Cobbau*

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Oagle Wis Dec 11-1912

Miss Ada L. James

Richland Center Wis

My Dear Miss James

I have filled out the blank as best I could and return to you with this. We thought best to not have any regular organization here as it would invite antagonism and create a condition that might require some to take a stand one way or the other and that would mean that those who fear to show their colors would be persuaded to the other side for political reasons. But we do feel a gratification at the results in our little town which is strongly foreign, political and the saloon influence quite a factor in public questions. The strongest opposition here and many other towns comes from the liquor element and the politician. The latter fears the woman's

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as much as the former - But even the opponents admit that woman suffrage is coming and expect it to be brought up every legislative year until it wins - I hope it will pass through the legislature again this year -

I do not think there will be any attendance from here ^(this town) to the convention at Madison but it seems to me that the change to January will bring the matter more vividly before the Legislators than a previous meeting - Personally I would like much to be present -

With best of wishes for success in the work - Yours Truly

Lulla P. Edwards

(Mrs H. P. Edwards.)

Richland Center, Wis.

Dec.13, 1912

Dear Miss Strarns:-

As far as the union plan is concerned, with or without independent branches, it seems to me that this will have to be settled at the convention by the convention. We could have a discussion followed by a vote. In regard to dues each branch could pay a % into state fund, just as the Federated Clubs do.

The name and constitution will also be determined at the convention.

I am heartily in favor of putting the work on a business bases. Securing a competent secretary, one with ability and experience.

Also paid and experienced organizers, not just anyone who is willing to give a little time. It seems to me the only way to conduct a systematic campaign. The Political equality League had eight women giving their entire time to the work the last six months and the work will increase or at least it ought to. Aside from these eight women there were many who devoted their leisure time, and then there were all these splendid women from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

The work done by the state societies ought to be reviewed by an officer from each state organization. There are only a very few women in the state who realize how much work has been done and they have a right to know. They contributed liberally and a report ought to be made.

Personally I don't think the fact there were four state organizations had anything to do with our defeat, we worked in perfect harmony with the Association members with only four or five exceptions, and these members were out of harmony with the association. The friction was greatly exaggerated. Since the election I have received beautiful letters from the old association members with not a hint of criticism.

I agree with you about omitting the first paragraph of my form letter. I am in favor of using your letter except I would add MEN'S EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE, and have it signed By Mr. H.A.J. Upham, as well as by the rest of us.

Now about the program; Several have written to know how to

later-- The tone of my letters does not suggest the need of inspiration but they all say "What next?". This is the great question that must be Campaign By Men, For Men" only I should be in favor of having it given by Mr. Upham, or Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones and discussed by Senator Marsh, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Ludlow, these men campaigned and their experience and advice ought to be valuable. Then I think it would be splendid if we can get Fela LaFollette to talk at the college dinner, there are six or eight college societies and they ought to be connected up. Each society ought to be represented and have a voice.

As to the enemy, I think as you do that Senator LaFollette's plan of omitting the personal is commendable, but he did not omit the principle which was threatening Democracy nor must we.

What do you think of this revised program? I think we ought to call to order at ten in the morning and go through with the preliminary work, to enable us to get down to the actual work. When women come from Superior they desire to get a great deal out of the convention.

Cordially Yours

They are coming to the convention full of the campaign and if we undertake to give them reasons why women should vote instead of how to secure the vote, they are going to be disappointed. They have had the best the country affords on why women should vote.

As you say we must look forward to the future, but the future should be built on knowledge derived from the past.

Later---

The tone of my letters does not suggest the need of inspiration but they all say "What next". This is the great question that must be answered. They will need to vote upon the advisability of introducing a bill this winter, the replies to my questions thus far have all been in favor of introducing a bill.

Richard Lloyd Jones, I would suggest to talk on a Campaign by Men, as he is a member of the men's league. The criticism all over is that conventions are given over to propaganda and not enough to the practical methods of securing the ballot; this is where the Mississippi Valley Conference filled a long felt want. Wisconsin women were well represented there and they derived much help, as well as inspiration, in knowing how people did things.

The plan of county organization we shall have to leave to a vote, but my opinion is they will vote two to one for county organization.

Each county seems best to understand its needs. Our experience was that county organization did not separate us but did divide responsibility. Douglass county as well as several others did excellent work and I think we ought to have the benefit of their experience.

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Richland Center, Wis.

December 13 1912

Dear Comrades:-

This is to be a partnership letter, as I can not find the time to write to you all as fully as I should like to. (So please consider that this letter includes Miss James, Miss Swart, Mrs. Hooper and yourself.)

There is so much to tell you I hardly knew where to begin. December 4th I went to Madison to confer with Miss Stearns and see if she was in favor of calling a convention next month of all the suffragi in the state. This is what we decided to do :- Issue a call for a convention to be held in Madison, January 22 and 23. Mrs. Chynoweth will see about securing the Woman's Building for the day sessions and the Assembly chamber for the evening. We have written to Brand Whittleck to secure him if possible for the evening. Of course we are hoping he will attract our Legislators. The call will be signed by Miss Heide, Miss Stearns, Mr. H. A. J. Upham and myself. ~~xMiss~~

Miss Stearns is opposed to having any branch organizations whatsoever, even county organizations, she is also opposed to any salaried officers with the exception of stenographers. She says she was elected on this platform, I have written her that I think all this must be determined at the convention and by the convention.

Personally I am heartily in favor of hiring competent women and not turning any fanatic and crank into the field if she chances to have some time or money. They do more harm than good. It ought to be women of experience and ability. I think we ought to have a salaried executive secretary and president possibly, and as many qualified organizers as we can afford. I appreciate the privilege of being at home as never before and I am willing to pay for the privilege by doing my housework and making a monthly contribution to the campaign fund. I do wish Mrs. Youmans might be elected president and induced to take it. I should very much prefer her to Miss Stearns for many reasons, In the first place she has not the time to give it, aside from her regular work. she is president of the Downtown Club and does

some kind of field work for the Federation. Then she is bitterly opposed to the automobile campaign. She is also opposed to introducing a bill in the legislature this winter.

I have sent out over a hundred letters to county chairmen, and local chairmen enclosing two copies like the enclosed. The replies are intensely interesting. Every letter favors trying to get another bill through and of pushing the work. There never was as much enthusiasm.

Miss Stearns desires to have several eloquent speakers from outside the state to arouse enthusiasm, but the women have heard the best the country affords on WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE what they are most interested is how to get the ballot. She is not in favor of having reports and suggestions from the county chairmen. I suppose we will compromise. I should like to see the convention made a sort of conference.

We propose to have the Normals and Colleges represented and have a dinner under the auspices of these Wednesday night, I wish we might have Fela LaFollette make the principle address and then have toasts from each institution represented. Afterwards they ought to be connected up for state work.

I have expressed myself very freely, please consider these as family secrets. Miss Stearns and I agreed on Mrs. Chynoweth as the proper one to call the convention to order, then she wishes Miss Sabin appointed chairman, I am in favor of retaining Mrs. Chynoweth, as she has been in the work and Miss Sabin has not, furthermore Miss Sabin is opposed to outdoor speaking and I am afraid the advocates would not be given a fair chance.

Please express yourselves as freely to me.

Yours for a coming victory, I love you, this has been a glorious fight and I am glad we were in it aren't you?

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., Dec 13 191 2

Dear Mrs. Linker:-

Mrs. Wolfe wrote to me concerning your splendid work in LaCrosse, and requested me to send you some literature which I intended to do at once, but other business has detained me. I am now sending you the letter and questions I have been sending to chairmen, and asking you if you will kindly answer the questions and return to me. I will also send you some literature, but I have not much of a variety with me, it was packed and stored until we shall open new headquarters next month.

Hoping that you can attend the convention I am

Yours for a coming victory



December
Thirteenth
Nineteen- twelve,

Dear Miss James:

I am most grateful for your letter of recent date, as I have been more than a little anxious about Miss Thomas, and following your suggestion I have written Mrs. Benedict.

Regarding Miss Thomas' condition, I may say that she gained some weight in Ann Arbor and was in every way improved after her stay there, but she is most frail, and tuberculosis, even when confined chiefly to the glands of the chest as is hers, is a rather serious matter, and I am glad she is in River Pines, as she is certainly in no condition to do any work.

As you say

As you say, she seems so alone and is so brave about it all, that one feels the strongest desire to do anything in one's power for her, and I only hope that there are not older friends or other relatives than the one you mentioned that should know of her condition.

I am sure that it would add both to her mental and physical well being to visit you at the close of her sanitarium stay, as you have also kindly invited her to do, and if you wish, I shall be glad to advise you occasionally regarding her condition.

Again thanking you for your letter,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Clara M. Davis

Rhinelanders Iris.

Dec. 15-1912 -

Miss Ada James -
Pres. Political Equality League.

Dear Miss James -

I received your several
letters but havit been able
to answer -

Your League very kindly
sent me posters at election time
and we were to pay the shipping
expense. The enclosed stamps

are for this.

I did hope a union was going to be effected between the Suffrage Society and the League. I am sure very much better work would be done in the state,

Our society has not voted on becoming auxiliary to any state society yet, but no doubt will in a month or so. As you know Mrs. Brown has always felt that we should become affiliated with the Suffrage Society because she came up here

and organized us.

Now that they have reorganized under new officers it is probable they will do more active work. and I hope it is still possible that your society may arrange to combine with them.

We all appreciate the fine work that you did last year - and thank you very much for the assistance rendered us.

I have given the list of questions ^{sent} one to the Secy. to fill out and send you.

We shall no doubt have a
business meeting some time in
Jan. and will then bring up
the question of sending
delegates to your meeting. If
we do not remain independent
and should vote to join the
State Suffrage Association I don't
suppose you would wish
delegates, or would you anyway?
We carried the vote in the city
here, but not in the County. But
we know how and where to work
now -

Yours cordially
Mrs. Helen G. Crosby -

Asheboro Dec. 15th 1912.

My Dear Miss James.

It is difficult for me to keep up with any
housework. I find no money thing to take
my attention - at home. We have had two
meetings, hoping to elect delegates to the Convention
and both failed, another is called for
the 30th of this month. The answers to those
questions will be sent you to morrow.

Miss Sweet and Mrs. Gudson approve of
continuing the campaign. I can hardly
see what less can be done. Mrs. Gud-
son would like to attend the convention
if it could meet in February when the
Consumer's League does. But the date
has not been set for that yet.

We have quite a deficit yet to raise.

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but if we cannot get it off by Jan. 1st. I think
it will be early in the year. I hope, I know
there are many women interested in suffrage
now who will come to the aid of the Cause.
If Mrs. Brown had taken this stand two
years ago, what a help it would have been.

Would it not be well if all the suffrage
societies could be united if it were possible
to make one strong organization. We have
voted to have a County convention here, just
as soon as we have had a report from the
State Convention. Then I hope we can re-
organize here, get a good strong set of officers
here, who will ^{work} harmoniously. It looks
now as if I can ^{not} continue with this work.
I have enjoyed much of it, but with our
retirings could have been more in our favor.

My Dear Miss James, before mailing this, one from
you came to Mrs Giddens. We talked it
over this noon when I dined with her.

To begin with, I have not been in favor of
Leticia Stearns for pres. for several reasons. I have
not heard of her doing any thing for suffrage.
Secondly, I haven't confidence in the
character of her sincerity for suffrage, & true
with all you have written. I am more
emphatically confirmed in my objections.

I think your suggestions good, & wish to retain
ing Mrs Chyngworth in the chair. We truly
have had the best speakers. You are right, we
want to know how to get the ballot. We are all
Miss Swart, Mrs G. & I in favor of Mrs. Jewmans.
I think she is just the one. We may learn later
what Miss Stearns does want in this campaign
& her reasons. How many delegates will she be
entitled to at the Convent? Have you heard Mrs.
Hopkins' father died Sat. J. M. Very truly
yours
S. S. James

Miss James. I was very much surprised to
have those stenographers. I had written them to
remember this last week. I had written them to
send you. Why back in Oct. when you were in the
S. J.

The enthusiasm here was spasmodic. Could
we have had eighty women working regularly
or three months, we would have had much
better results. I have no doubt but a few of
you are planning for coming work. He all
a perfect blank in regard to the work.
I am sending you a list of members who
have been on our list at some time.

Remember me to your sister and
kind regards to your father. I remember
with so much pleasure, the few days
at your home. I feel you have had
a great responsibility since and carried
it well. The article in La Follet's yesterday
by Mrs. Benedict, was very good I thought.
With much love and a best Christmas wish
from yours very truly
Frank James.

MRS. MYRA D. STEPHENS
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
PRACTITIONER

WHITEWATER, WIS., Dec. 16th 1912

Dear Miss James.

Mrs. Steele
requested me to forward the
\$13.00 to you, for the League.
I wish it were more, but
"my little helps." I will fold
the paper, sent as soon
as possible, and send to you.
We must put our shoulder

to the wheel, and push on
but we don't need to make
such hard work of it, for we
are bound to win. Men are
favorable, but we need to edu-
cate our own se. They are the
victims of the suggestions of
weak emotions and arguments
sent out by the despotic men
but they are not smart
enough to see it. But I am
convinced if we pull in the
right way, we will gain

our freedom and equal rights.

Sincerely and hopefully,

Myra D. Stephens. Treas.

MRS. MYRA D. STEPHENS
ORATORIAN
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

WHITEWATER, WIS.

Dec 16 1895

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529 Park Ave [1912, DEC. 16]

Kenosha Wis.

Miss Ada James -

My dear Miss ^{Richland Center} James -

Your communications
regarding the plans of the
Political Equality League
were received this morning &
were noted with interest. A
report will be made at our
January meeting, ^{early} next week
and I would very much
like a copy of the by-laws
of the state organization to

be adapted to our own use
and voted on at the
same meeting - Any further
information regarding our
prospects for future work
in the state would be most
acceptable - Regretting the
failure of your efforts to
unite the two suffrage
associations of the state and
hoping that the same
may be accomplished

at least before we begin another

Campaign from very seriously

Howard F. Bain

at least before we begin another
campaign yours very sincerely

Harriet L. Bain.

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My dear Miss James:

In reply to your communication of the 2^d I wish to say that we are in favor of holding a Convention of Potlatch Equal League in Madison as early in January as possible.

It is our intention to send delegates but they have not yet been elected. As a special meeting of League will have to be called for that purpose kindly let me know date of convention as soon as possible.

In addition to information given in your enclosed list of questions I wish to state that our assemblyman, Mr Chas Penning has told me that although he voted against suffrage in Nov. 5th and does not believe in it he is not prepared to say that he would oppose the passing of a bill by this coming legislature for another referendum on the question.

In Kenosha many feel that a discussion of the woman suffrage question at the Womens Club of Kenosha last March by members of the club tended to divide the women of the town into two camps which resulted in a strong anti-suffrage element being established. Personally I strongly advise the discouraging of a debate on the

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Subject - by local speakers - Let the for and against
be presented by out-of-town speakers that as
little as possible of a personal element enter into
the situation. In January we will begin a
canvass for members of our league and are sure
of adding many new names.

During the campaign many women worked for
us who were not members of league and
many members of the league did not work.
In every place in the country where work was
done we polled a majority on the suffrage amendment.
That the other townships did not carry is due to the
fact - that lack of time and of active workers forced
us to leave them practically untouched.

In your reply we would be grateful for a
statement of important questions to be considered
by state convention that our delegates may be
instructed as to policy to pursue.

Very respectfully yours
Carrie A. Bain

President Kenosha County Political Equality League

Kenosha - Dec 14 - 1912

5464 Jefferson Ave.,
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16th, '12.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Friend:-

As chairman of committee on program and arrangements for the next Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, I would like at the earliest date possible your suggestions as to topics and the names of any women from your state who would be good program material. The place is not definitely decided yet but it will probably be central.

Please also tell me how to reach the women of your state to let them know about the Conference. I have met a number of women who were regretting that they did not hear of our conference last May in Chicago until it was over.

Will you be willing to circularize your clubs about it next year?

I will be able to give you definite information about the time and place within a month. In the meantime, we want to begin correspondence on the program. So please help me with topics and suggested speakers.

Yours most sincerely,

Ella S. Stewart
Chairman Committee.

Zona Gale -

Essie Williams -

Mrs. LaFollette -

Fola LaFollette -

Mrs. Harry Johnson -

Mrs. B. Q. Gadden -

Mrs. Henry Yormans -

Mrs. Charles Morris -

Mrs. Rex McCreary -

Dr. ~~Cooke~~ Jan M. Cooke -

Mrs. Capt. E. Benedict -

Miss Alice Curtis -

Mrs. Porter -

Wm. J. Stewart
Chairman, Committee

1864 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

16 December 1912.

My dear Miss James:

I very much appreciate your letter summing up the situation. It is always a pleasure to hear from you, and I like to depend upon you to keep me posted. Whenever it is not a tax upon your time I shall be grateful for a letter from you.

I agree with you entirely as to Mrs. Youmans. But if she cannot serve, it would seem to me wise for you to do so.

I loved Mrs. Benedict's tribute to you, and was glad we could have her article for the magazine. I am sorry to know that any unkind word has been spoken of her. I hope it does not reach her and cause her needless pain.

Miss Gopen has not written me in regard to the expense account. If the League is hard up I will not press the matter, but I feel that my expenses were so very heavy that I cannot really afford to put the money up, especially as I am being called upon to subscribe further all the while here.

I think your set of questions were fine. I have agreed to give a talk before the College Equal Suffrage League here in January on the methods that we used in the Wisconsin campaign, and should be very glad to have any suggestions from you as to different points.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Ellen C. LaSalle

1912, Dec. 17

Dear Mrs. Hooper,

You have been
much in my thoughts
and I have been very
sorry for you. You
have loved so close to
your father and
mother that their
going makes a great
difference in your
life.

But you are interest-
ed in other people
and in their needs,
and in that interest
you will find relief.

And your father would
have been very lonely
here without your
mother. Let us hope
that somewhere they
are again together.

I send you a letter
from Miss Ada James
in which you will
be interested. I do
not at all agree
with Miss Stewart
as to County Organiza-
tions. The one weak
thing about the suffrage

movement has always
been the lack of organ-
ization. Francis E. Mil-
land organized the women
into the W. C. T. U., and
the women's clubs are
organized from the ham-
let at the cross roads to
the National Federation,
report progress, and pay
dues; and it is my opin-
ion that nothing short of
such an organization
will accomplish what
we want in Wisconsin

if we get it ourselves. If
the men were such an or-
ganization at work with
determination, I think
they would vote us the
franchise at once.

I should be glad to
see Mrs. Johnson at
the head of the suf-
frage cause in this
state. She is an able,
tactful, and fearless
woman. She has the
advantage of being
married, and has

printing establishment.
ment at her command.
She will
do things.

Miss Stearns is a good
organizer, if organizations
were her ideal, and she
knows the state; but what
is the good of knowing the
state if you do not wish
to organize it? I believe
in just as many suffrage
organizations as we are
a mind to make; but
I believe in one central

State organizations, hence
I should vote for consol-
idation of the P. E. L. and
W. S. Assn; but being
consolidated the majority
must rule, and what ^{ever}
platform Miss Stearns
was elected on, that plat-
form ought not to con-
trol the united bodies.

Once united, they must
make a platform of
their own subject to the
approval of the majority.

Can you go to head-

son?

I have no particular
objection myself to sal-
aried officers, provided
they are able to earn
in actual results
what we pay them
for.

Don't feel obliged to
answer this, need seed
as much of it as you
like to ask farmers with
your own reply. I hope
you can feel like going.
They will need you.

The program of the Iron-
tite Creeting Club next
off will on Saturday
last.

With love and sympa-
thy, I am

Most sincerely yours

Ron C. Smart

Friday Morning.

Dec. 17, 1912

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My dear Mr James,

I am in receipt
of your family letter
and have sent it on
to Mr. Hooper.

I shall not be able
to attend the convention
on the 22nd & 23^d of
January. I am therefore
writing you my view
of what it is expedient
to do.

1- Consolidate with the Wis.
W. S. Assn.

2. Being consolidated,
adopt a platform,
the majority to rule.

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3. Elect officers on that platform.
4. Push the cause

I should like to see one central state organization. That is why I am in favor of consolidation. But both parties should consolidate, and neither dictate to or swallow up the other.

Being consolidated, a platform should be made, submitted to the vote of the consolidation, voted on by "planks" and adopted by the majority with graceful acquiescence on the part of the minority.

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A new set of officers should be put in nomination, and these should be of the old organizations or not, as may be determined by the consolidated bodies. Anybody is of course at liberty to nominate anybody from the floor. Let the consent of anybody you like to run, and get a rattling good talker to make the nomination and another to second it, and let the voting body decide the election.

I am in favor of a plank advocating organization in every voting precinct in the state. Instead of the lax situation

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that has always prevailed in
 suffrage affairs, I am in
 favor of the organization that
 goes to the bottom and re-
 ports to the top. In the
 town of Black Wolf in Minn-
 eapolis County the vote went
 180 to 30 against us. That
 town ought to be thoroughly
 organized and the best vo-
 men available in it set
 to work. One home woman
 that the men in that locality
 respect would change the
 sentiment much more
 quickly than the state organi-
 zation can do it - at arm's
 length. Moreover we want
 organization for revenue.

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I admire Miss Stearns,
but I am in favor of Mrs.
Journans, first - last, and
all the time, if she will con-
sent to serve as president.
She is an able, trained,
lactful, and fearless wo-
man. She has the advan-
tage of being married
and has a printing estab-
lishment at her back.
I hardly think there is a
woman in the state her
equal ^{for} the position of
president. Mrs. Johnson
of Superior seems able, and
I know excellent things of

Mrs. Chynoweth.

I am in favor of a married
woman, other things being
equal, simply because she
is married. It keeps it down
one argument - silly but com-
mon - of the opposition.

Very sincerely yours,
Rose C. Strat

37 Elm St. -

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dec. 17, 1912

Has Mrs. Jousant been
approached?

Mayville Wis., Dec 17. 1912.

Madam President,

Hope my report does not reach you too late. Was ill, and therefore could not attend to this matter before.

By all means, postpone the convention till the latter part of January.

Possibly some other worker can do more than I towards finding delegates. If you write Mrs H. Forkmann of this city about it, maybe she would be willing to go.

Very sincerely yours
Elisabeth Schilling.

✓
December 17, 1912.

Miss Ada James,
Colby Abbott Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Miss James:-

I need your help before the Annual Report can be published. It would be too bad not to have it as complete as possible, and since the Board recommended that this years report give the progress in the various states in tabular form, we need the answers from your Association to the questions on the data blank sent you on the 13th of July with the request that it be filled in and returned to Headquarters by November 10th. The blank has not yet been received and in case it has been mislaid, I am enclosing another copy, and ask that you will fill it in so far as possible and return it to me by January 1st.

I have your written report on file, but it does not give all the information asked for on the blank.

Hoping for your prompt co-operation.

Faithfully yours,

Mary Ware Bennett

Corresponding Sect.

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., _____ Dec 17 191 2

Dear Mrs. Thanhouser:-

One day this month I went to Madison to confer with Miss Stearns, We decided it was best to call a convention of all the suffragists in the state, and at this convention elect new officers and adopt a new constitution. We talked it over with Mrs. Chynoweth and January 22 and 23 seemed the best time for holding the convention in Madison. Mrs Chynoweth said she would see to securing the Woman's Building for the day sessions and the Assembly chamber for the evening. We have written to Brand Whittleck to see if it is possible to secure him for the evening, we wanted to find someone who would appeal to the members of the legislature.

At the convention new officers and new constitution will be in order. Whom do you think would make the best president? Mrs. Youmans would be my choice.

Nearly every one wishes to introduce another bill and continue to push the work.

Yours for a coming victory

Oshkosh, Wis. Dec. 17, 1912.
25 Mt. Vernon Str.

Dear Ada:-

I entirely agree with you though I had not fully understood conditions before. WE WANT MRS. YOUMANS if she can be induced to take the presidency. We also want automobile out door speaking in summer which is the most effective campaign. Since I have made over 150 addresses I feel that I can judge the effectiveness of this phase of the work, as many times men came up to the auto and said they were converted.

In wintertime and spring, churches, halls, theaters and clubs are good "suffrage pastures".

I also believe that we ought to have a paid secretary and organizers, but would make the maximum pay \$100.00, as everyone ought to be willing to give her time. Only you can and ought not to expect to have an organizer do it as a business throughout the year without equivalent and it is sheer nonsense to always change and depend only on volunteer workers. Why even my typewriter refuses to pen such plans.

You may be interested to know that I not only have written a weekly German article in the Wausau Wochenblatt since March, but have continued so every second week since election. The editor told me that he vetoed for us and hoped I would continue to send articles. Since election a Madison paper attacked me and got answered, also Mr. Lee Stern in the Wausau Wochenblatt. I headed my answer "A duel with Mr. Lee Stern" and I do not think that we will tackle me soon again. "Germania" also accepted one of my German articles.

I would like to attend the convention, especially if we have to be on the alert, but do not know if I can as I am getting very lame this damp

weather. BUT WE WILL WIN and must bring it again before the legislature.!!
Does your father know the men elected and the chances we have? We do not want to ~~###~~ waste our organized efforts.

With much love, dear saint

and best wishes for Christmas

Yours as ever

Josephine Guddley

San Carlos
Evan Claire -
Dec. 17/12.

Dear Miss James:

I hope my report is
not so late as to inconvenience you.

I asked our Sec. Clerk to mail
me a printed election report and
find the figured totals - that more
favorable than those that came
in papers. You see our city lost
by only 101 votes - our Co. 270.

We feel our work must have
been good. Our permanent organ-
ization has not been perfected yet.
Why not put off the conference
until later? What good result
in many re-organization into one
league? Mr. Bidman is going
ahead - just as tho there were no
thought of union. What will we do?
I have been notified that the
W. Sup. Ass. has made me Co. Pres.,

am asked to communicate with Mrs. Brown
as to methods of work. I have not replied,
not knowing just what it is best to say.
Of course they know that we are organized
under the League. May, be we will
have to wait now longer than we would
otherwise - before we try to introduce another
bill - until Mrs. Brown is there with her
persistent leadership. This is confidential.

I have known Mrs. Brown for years. She is
a graduate of the Eastern Miss., where my
husband and myself graduated. I have
just been loyal she is and appreciate her
good qualities. What is Mrs. Stearns doing?
She was elected Pres. of W. N. S. A., I see. But
Mrs. B. goes right ahead.

We will have a representative
with you when you meet, if possible.

Yours truly -
Mrs. L. A. D. Little

Chicago Woman's Club

FINE ARTS BUILDING
410 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

Chicago, Dec. 17, 1912.

My dear Miss James:--

Thank you so much for your explanatory letter on the suffrage situation in Wisconsin. I hope that the suffrage conference in Madison will be about the middle of the month, and not earlier. Will you kindly tell me what date has been fixed for it? I shall be very glad to speak at the conference if you desire me to, and if you will permit me to speak quite plainly.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Bass

I dictated this and it seems rather terse. What I meant to say was that I should really like to speak at your conference, if you will let me talk plainly about the position of the liquor men, and the local press in some sections, and in general, the attitude of our foreign men towards women in Wisconsin etc. etc. Merry Christmas.
E.B.

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RICHLAND CENTER, WIS., ~~Dec 18~~ ¹⁹¹²

Dear Mrs. Stewart:-

These are some of the subjects which I think might be discussed with profit at the Conference. The great value of the Conference is its practicality. Our Wisconsin women seemed to get a great deal out of it last spring.

Intelligence
THE NEED OF A LECTURE BUREAU

~~TACTLESS WORKERS WORSE THAN NONE~~
LITERATURE AS SPECIFIC AND LOCAL AS POSSIBLE - Mrs. La Follette

LEGAL AND ILLEGAL ASPECTS OF AN ELECTION - *Mrs. Benedict*

PLACING SUFFRAGE WORK ON A BUSINESS BASIS
HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS - *Mrs. Johnson, Superior*

ELECTION DAY

COUNTY AND PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

ONE STATE ORGANIZATION OR SEVERAL INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS?
(ADVANTAGES OF EACH)

TACTLESS WORKERS WORSE THAN NONE
FICTION AND SUFFRAGE - *Zona Gale*

THE PRESS - *Mrs. Gorman or Richard Lloyd Jones*

CAMPAIGN MUSIC - *Mrs. Sheridan*

FIELD WORK - *Miss Curtis*

HOW TO REACH THE FARM WOMAN - *Mrs. Porter*

~~FIELD WORK~~

THE GERMAN SITUATION - *Mrs. B. C. Gudden*

ACKNOWLEDGING THE ENEMY AND STUDYING THEIR METHODS - *P.S.*

THREE QUALIFICATIONS OF A CAMPAIGNER? *Mrs. Rex McCreary*
ENDURANCE

PATIENCE
SENSE OF HUMOR

work among the unions
FINANCING SUFFRAGE WORK

Millon. Wis. Dec 20-12

Lee or Ada.

Your paper recd. and I have
intended writing long before this
but my home has been so neglected
this summer that now that I
have settled back to house keeping
I hardly know where to begin.

As to those papers you sent
me Ada we belong to Janesville
Club. or League rather. and
from there you will receive your
answer. When I come home again
I want to spend a day with you
as there is so much I want to

talk with you about. As far as Illinois
we are solid here. Only 24 votes
against suffrage and I hope
to win there before another
election. And we will save
time and money by waiting some
years but never let up a minute
with educating the female
They can see the justice much
earlier than the men.

Well here is to business
of the Woman's Village Improvement
Club. Called on me today to
furnish them material. As better
yet a paper subject. A Brief
discussion of the Suffrage Movement
in the U. States

And I am calling on you to help
me out: You may have something
all prepared.

Let me know by return mail if
you can help us! I will get a
Lancashire day talk at Harmony
and Lince and use the same
material.

Our meeting will be Jan 13.
but we would like to know
what to depend on -

Yours for success. met. line
Aunt Kate

1912, Dec. 20

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My Dear Miss James.

I note Miss Stearns yesterday that we could not get the Assembly Chamber while the Legislature is in session, without their consent. Of course the Speaker is not elected, and - so we will have to make

Different plans. There seems
to be quite a decided senti-
ment here, that we had
not better try to present
the question of Equal Suffrage
to this Legislature. But
that matter can be talked
over when we all get to-
gether. The Woman's
Building can be secured
for Jan 22d & 23d. And
perhaps for Thurs. Evening.
Wed Morning & Evening the
room is rented. In regard

& the Banquet - by the College
League. The President seemed
enthusiastic about doing it, but
that - we can not be arranged
until later when a positive
date is set. It is difficult
to make arrangements during
the holidays. In regard to calling
the meeting to order, I will be
glad to do that - but believe some
woman better known throughout
the State Miss Ellen Sabine
for instance would best be
appointed Permanent Chairman.

I think Fola LaFollette
would be a capital person
to speak at the Banquet

and would arouse great enthusiasm
son? Mr Jones is a good
suggestion too, but - he is not
a ready speaker you know.
He is a writer of force however
on the subject of Equal Suffrage
Wishing you success I am
Yours Sincerely.

Edna E. Cynon

"A Merry Christmas."

December 20th 1912.

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My Dear Miss James

Mr Bucknam

sent me the enclosed letter
and card. He has done splendid
work for our cause and is still
enthusiastic. I will give a dollar
towards the cards if you should
think favorably of having some
designed and if not please return
his letter and I will tell him
I will help him towards their
expense. I send it to you
because it was your card that
he sent to me and expected
me to make the request of the
same party. I have furnished
him much literature at

my own expense and did not
know before that other parties
were supplying him, so
many people have more
confidence in a mans
judgment than in a womans
that I was very glad of his
assistance. The New London
Press and St Aspacas Record
Leader reversed the figures
for suffrage in St Aspaca County
and for some time I thought
our County gave a majority for
suffrage I wrote to the County
Clerk and he gave me the figures
six townships and St Aspacas village
and St Aspacas City - voted favorably

The four townships which
corner near Camp Cleghorn
voted favorably I surely
believe the Assemblies had
something to do with the
result and perhaps your talk
at the Veterans Home added
many votes. One woman
whom I had known years ago
said you made her see
in a different light than
ever before.

Tell me how you are
since the strenuous
campaign and return.
Mr Becknoms letter with

enclosed stamp

I wish we could have
suffrage essays written
in the schools I believe
it would help more than
anything else

Sincerely yours

Winnok E. Petchen

I think Mr Buckman could
use any suffrage leaflets -
you might have on hand

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PITTSBURGH, PA., December 20, 1912

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:-

The Equal Franchise Federation of Western Pennsylvania is thinking of having a Field Secretary to do Suffrage Party organization work and later field work in the western end of the state. We have had Miss Harriet Grim in mind and I am corresponding with her at the present time on the subject. Before doing anything definite, I would like to have a very frank and confidential report from you as to her efficiency, her speaking and organization ability, and her experience in press work. Any details that you can give me in regard to her work in Wisconsin will be very much appreciated. We feel that the matter of engaging a field secretary requires very careful consideration and that we should have the best of references before considering any one at all. I have written to Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, who was a college mate of mine, in regard to this matter, but as I did not have her address, I am enclosing a copy of that letter in care of you, which I would like to have you forward to her.

Could you also tell me anything about Miss Flora Gapen? Her name was suggested to me by Miss Florence Wells of Racine, who said that you could give me definite information concerning her abilities. Could you compare her with Miss Grim? I do not know that Miss Gapen is in the field, but Miss Wells thought that she might perhaps be free at this time.

Thanking you for any information that you may be able to give me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Kennedy Miller
(Mrs. J. O. Miller)
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PITTSBURGH, PA., December 10, 1912.

Copy

My dear Chrystal:-

I am writing to you to secure confidential information in regard to Miss Harriet Grim. I have had some correspondence with her and find that there is a possibility of getting her for Pennsylvania. Would you tell me frankly your opinion of her work in Wisconsin? Is she a good speaker, has she organizing ability, and does she adapt herself to the mass of the people? Pennsylvania is an enormous field and we want to get the very best paid workers available.

I was sorry that I did not see you again before we left Philadelphia, but our own State Convention was so pressing that I missed all the finale of the National.

Hoping to see you some time in
Pittsburgh, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucy J. Kennedy Miller
(Mrs. J. O. Miller)
Corresponding Secretary,

LKM/CCP

PENNSYLVANIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Milwaukee

Dec. 21, 1912

Dear Miss James.

I wish that you would
make a personal request to
the Milwaukee papers to
publish the letter we sent
to the Mad. Ass., for I feel
sure it has not appeared here
at all. I wrote to Mrs. Hoyt,
who had said that their state-
ment was based upon some-
thing Mrs. Benedict had said,
asking her to state explicitly

Mrs. Benedict's words. I will
send you a copy of my
letter and the response. It
is a shame that they should
get off so easily. It
was published in State Journal.

I think we ought to buy
a large number of copies of
Progress. I have tried to see
Mr. Morris in vain, but
will write. He would re-
print - 1000 of the August
number for \$75⁰⁰ but that
was too much.

I have no choice for
President. You know best.

I do not see how Miss Fears
can take it - with her other work,
and in some ways she is not
very good - but I prefer her
to Mr. Brown. I am satisfied
with whatever you do.

Yours -

E. G. P.

Some time ago I made a banner
for the Mason St. Window - all myself.
Miss Gaper carried it off one day and
I can't find it. I want it, and
if you can give it to me please do.

Dec. 23-1912-

Dear Miss James,

Thanks for sending
me word of the Wis. convention.
I have returned to my own
home and shall be
unable to attend.

Mason City, Ia.

411-E. 5th St.

Yours truly

Eleanor C. Strickman.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Ada L. James.
Richland Center
Wisconsin.

POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN

Richland Center, Wis.
December 23, 1912

A very important meeting of the Executive Board and Advisory Council will be held Saturday morning, December 28th, at 10:00 A.M. at 516 Colby-Abbot Bldg.

We must consider at this time the advisability of uniting with the other societies into one State organization and the best method of accomplishing this end if advisable.

As this is probably our last meeting there will be other important business to transact.

With the urgent wish that you be present on Saturday, I am

Very cordially yours
Ada L. James.

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and VISITATION.

December 23, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

I have received word from Mrs. Chynoweth that the Woman's Building is available for our use and that she hopes that the local League may be able to pay for it, but she does not say, directly, that they will do so. The expense may, therefore, have to be borne jointly by our organizations. Mrs. Chynoweth also reports that the use of the Assembly Chamber is under the control of the speaker of the assembly, and that as no one knows, at the present time, who will be chosen-- it will be impossible to arrange for this before the legislature meets and someone is elected. I will include ^{on another sheet} ~~hereafter~~ other phases of arrangement, etc, as they occur to me, when I write to you tonight.

We are moving our office today and in a few minutes are to have no place in which to lay our heads temporarily, which necessitates the finishing of this at my home this evening.

Sincerely yours,

Lute E. Stearns

Evening. Can you meet me at Madison on Monday, January 6? Room 201 - north wing - Capitol.

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The brewers did not fight us in the open but we were made to feel their powerful influence at every turn. When the bill was before the legislature the LaCrosse brewers urged the legislators to vote against the bill in the interests of the home.

Although the stockholders and editors of certain influential papers in the state were suffragists the papers opposed us, to our astonished inquiries we received the reply "It is the policy of the paper to oppose woman suffrage." Who controls the policy of the paper if not the stockholders. These papers were carrying large advertisements for the brewing companies.

The women did not confuse suffrage with prohibition they were working for the ballot only. But Progress and the Reflector the official organ of the retail liquors association fought us bitterly and take the credit for having defeated us. The liquor dealers have declared the issue and thrown down the gauntlet. We shall have to fight it out on these lines. We are up against a powerful antagonist (an antagonist that yields as much power in our legislature to-day as the Railroad and Insurance companies once did.) but we have with us the cream of the Wisconsin press and the progressive men who freed the state from the domination of the corporate interests, these together with the most intelligent and self-sacrificing women. *of the*

Permit me to quote the last paragraph from an article by Mrs. LaFollette, in LaFollette's Weekly of Nov. 16.

"***** There is a principle at stake. When any powerful business of whatever nature, undertakes on a false basis to dominate the state and to thwart a great Democratic movement and so make itself an issue--- that issue must be met. It becomes a part of this great fight against the encroachment of the special interests upon the rights

of the people."
We shall renew our campaign with an understanding of the situation. The liquor interests cannot defeat us alone, it is only when they are

allied with ignorance and prejudice, and we shall make it our business
to cut off these allies .

Yours for a coming victory