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Mrs. Harri Hoyt
President of the Madison Association

Opposed to 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 to 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 this State, any other organization with similar aims?

Has your organization received any
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. Bennett 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