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Dear Miss James.

I cannot attend the Saturday meeting. My dear old Father has gone on the long journey, and my one duty for the present is to look after my Mother in her cruel loneliness.

For the same reason

I cannot even think of taking  
the presidency of the suffrage  
association. Mother will come to live  
with me for the present, and I  
cannot be from home any more  
on her account. You know how  
hard it is for me to write this.

This is work I love for a cause  
I love, but I cannot do it now.

If you should wish to give me  
a minor office, say a vice-  
presidency, so that I might  
keep in touch with things and  
be on the Board, my presence  
at meetings not absolutely  
necessary, I should like it, but  
if it doesn't seem best, you know  
I should not wish it. If all goes

well. I hope very much  
to be able to attend the  
Madison meeting next  
month.

This has been a deep  
and terrible experience for me,  
who never saw mortal illness  
before. I cannot in the  
least realize the reality of  
all that has happened. I  
have been at my father's house  
since the first week in the  
month, but hope to go to my  
own home next week.

Love and a happy new year -  
as ever yours

Theodora W. Freeman