Dear State Chairman:

We are confronted with the question as to what position we shall take, as an organization, at this time. We are urged to cease all suffrage endeavor and offer ourselves for "war service". We are urged with equal vehemence to turn ourselves into a society for peace.

The Congressional Union was organized for but one purpose -- "to secure an amendment to the U.S. Constitution enfranchising women". Some of us, as individuals, are militarists, some are pacifists. We are united on but one ground -- our fealty to political liberty for women. To work for this we have banded together. Those who wish to work for preparedness; those who wish to work for peace, can do so through organizations for such purposes. It is not necessary for either group to use a suffrage organization for their ends.

At our national convention the first week in March we can consider our policy. Until that policy is changed by action of a convention our organization is dedicated only to the enfranchisement of women.

In the meantime, let us remember that war is not yet upon us. The suggestion of international complications makes more imperative than ever our
campaign for political freedom for women. Never was it so urgent that women have representation in government councils. The responsibility for the acts of our country belongs to women as much as to men. We must do our part to see that war, which concerns women as seriously as men, shall not be entered upon without the consent of women.

We are continuing to stand guard at the White House gates to bear testimony to the government and to the whole country that women demand that they be consulted before any action affecting their lives is undertaken by the government.

We shall push with renewed vigor our plans for our national convention in Washington in March. We are sending an urgent call to our members in every state to join in a great delegation to the President March 4th, to place before him our insistent demand that no action on war or on any other measure be taken without the consent of women.

Now above all times women must hold aloft the banner calling for full political liberty for all women.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

National Chairman.
February 23, 1917.

To the Editor of the

Sir:

The following statement regarding Susan B. Anthony has appeared in newspapers all over the country:

"She was unalterably opposed to political partisanship, believing that the suffrage could be obtained only through the assistance of its friends in all parties".

Historical evidence does not bear out this assertion. In 1869, at the first national convention of the National Association, Miss Anthony's position was enunciated by the President, in the following words:

"No harmonious action on any question can ever be secured except as a strict party measure. Hence we appeal to the party in power".

In 1872, after all the parties had, through their platforms, taken their stand on the Woman Suffrage issue, an appeal was sent out in the name of the National Woman Suffrage Association. "Women of the United States", it read; "the hour for political action has come! For the first time in the history of our country woman has been recognized in the platform of large and dominant party".

The appeal then went on to explain the refusal of the Democratic party, under the leadership of Horace Greeley, to support the demand of women, and closed with an impassioned appeal to women of
all parties to lay aside all party affiliations work for the success of the Republican party.

"Let us throw our whole influence of voice and pen into this campaign and, in making it a success for the Republican party, make it a success for ourselves.

*** Do not hesitate, do not vacillate; let no party or personal consideration bias you to act against the Republican party at/xxx momentous crisis. Remember that we owe it a debt of gratitude that it has made for us this opportunity, that it has thus launched our cause into the political arena, where it must go on and on, till justice for women shall at last triumph in a true Republic; a government of the people, by the people and for the people".

On behalf of the National Association,

Susan B. Anthony, President.

Matilda Jocelyn Gage, Chairman, Executive Com.

The Rev. Olympia Brown, who will be one of the leaders of the White House demonstration on March 4th, was one of the pioneers who campaigned for the Republican party in this campaign of 1872, as a result of that Appeal to women.

In June 1872 Miss Anthony said:

"My view of our true position is to hold ourselves as a balance of power, to give aid and comfort to any party which shall inscribe on its banners 'Freedom for Women'. If I am a Republican or Liberal or Democrat, per se, and work for that party right or wrong (that is, regardless of the record and posi-
tion of that party on Woman Suffrage) then I make myself and my co-workers no added power for or against the one which adopts or rejects our claims for recognition.

I DO NOT EXPECT ANY MAN TO SEE AND ACT WITH ME HERE, BUT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW ANY WOMAN CAN DO OTHERWISE THAN REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE PARTY THAT IGNORES HER SEX".

This party policy she adhered to with undeviating devotion, regardless of the label of the party in power.

In 1876 she said, replying to criticisms of her position,

"It is not that I have no opinions on the many and grave questions that distract and divide the parties, but it is that, in my judgment, the right of self government for one half of the people is of far more vital consequence to the nation than any or all other questions".

In 1894 she again took a party position; this time against both the Democratic and Republican parties and in favor of the Populist party.

On page 792 of The Life of Susan B. Anthony, by Ida Husted Harper, we find Miss Anthony quoted as saying:

"I am for Woman Suffrage, and will work with any party that will help us. Remember I say 'with', not 'for'".

In reply to a letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt to Miss Anthony (quoted on this same page), discussing the probable results of Miss Anthony's position in favor of the Populists, Miss Anthony
replies,

"At last one of the dominant parties in a state, and that one the party in power, has adopted a Woman Suffrage Amendment, and on that one plank I plan my feet. The Republicans, by ignoring our amendment, give party sanction to every anti-suffrage man among them, while the Populist endorsement makes every anti-suffrage man among them feel that he will be the better Populist if he voted 'Yes'.*** Surely there is more to hope for from the party, a majority of whose men dared to vote opinions against their bosses, than from the one in which not a single man dares even raise a protest. What would our friends have us do? Bless the Republicans for slapping us in the face and blast the populists for giving us a helping hand?"

On page 794 of the same volume we find her replying to a criticism from Henry B. Blackwell because she was supporting the Populist party.

"I have not allied myself with any party nor shall I ally myself with any party, save the one of justice and equality for women; but the time has come when I strike, and proclaim my contempt for the tricksters who put their political heel on the rights of women at the very time when their help is needed most. I never, in my whole forty years work, so utterly repudiated any set of politicians as I do those Republicans of Kansas. When it is a mere matter of theory, a thousand miles away from a practical question, they can
'Resolve' pretty words, but when the crucial moment comes they sacrifice us without conscience or honor. The hubbub with the Republicans shows that they have been hit in the right place."

Then, reasserting that same splendid gospel of loyalty of women to women that she had proclaimed in 1872, twenty-two years before, she said,

"I was never surer of my position that no self-respecting woman should wish or work for the success of a party that ignores her political rights".

This was the identical position taken by the Congressional Union and the Woman's Party in the recent campaign. It endorsed no candidate or party, but opposed the party in power, which, with the power to act, refused by official caucus vote, to aid the cause of women.

After reading the papers today, and noting the small consideration given to the disfranchised women who, forgetting the fight of women for women, gave their aid to the Democratic party, regardless of its opposition to their sex, I am wondering if perhaps they will not ponder deeply on Miss Anthony's words of 1872

"I cannot understand how any self-respecting woman can do otherwise than refuse to accept any party that ignores her sex".

Vilna Noble Weeks
Research Chairman
Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage
Please use this in your state publicity.
Chicago, June 28th, 1917.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Don't let the war unbalance you. This is really the time for people to stand very steady. I am awfully sorry to have been so long in answering your letter, but hope you will get this in time to feel that perhaps a little change and getting into closer touch with those who are actively promoting democracy and demanding Terms of Peace will be very beneficial.

This is one of the times when our friends seem to leave us, but really we gain in the long run because it brings us into contact with new friends, people who are of the same mind that we are. The great trouble with the world today is the absolute ignorance which we allow ourselves to be governed by, and the sense of leaving our duty to the other person.

Do come to the Conference and get the inspiration I am sure is there for you to have.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

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

My dear Miss James:

With very great pleasure I read your letter of December 27. It is a heartening thing to know that people like yourself are finding THE SEARCHLIGHT ON CONGRESS of genuine service. We are endeavoring this coming year to make it do double duty. Our experience of the past year will be of great help to us I think in making a better publication. That year’s experience with a wider cooperation on the part of the public, which is a very large influence in the work, ought to make the National Voters’ League a real force extending to every section of the country.

We have listed the subscription for Mr. and Mrs. Bartelt and writing a note acknowledging it.

If you can send us the names of teachers of civics and government in any of the grade, high, normal schools or colleges and universities in your state, we will be very glad to have them. We are endeavoring to put this work before just as many such instructors throughout the United States as possible. In order to accurately compile this list it has been necessary to rely on the assistance of the people particularly interested in the League work.

Thanking you for this and all other assistance and for your encouragement, I am

Very cordially,

DBH/ED
728 Stowell Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
January 4, 1917.

Dear old Scott,

The first number of "Your Congress," value yesterday, unfolded and sure we will find it very interesting. Thank you ever so much. Arthur immediately pocketed it to read on the car, and so I haven't much chance to read this copy.
ed to wallop the bunch,Albert included as soon as the sitting was over. Everybody exploded over those beautiful pictures. That baby is simply irresistible. I want to grab him every time I look at those little hands reached out.

Convention time is drawing near. Of course you will be there.Arthur told me tonight he felt that I really ought to go, in some respects, but it's just the wrong time for me. Have you noticed in the papers, Mrs. Berger's attitude about a Temperance Speaker, especially Mrs. Bryan, and that she has procured a labor speaker? That is symbolic of her attitude.
on the subject. She told me that we ought not to mention prohibition - that we should not alienate the liquor interests. I told her I didn't think we had much to lose on that score. But you and I both know that her husband is hand and glove with the liquor interest. Arthur's position makes it impossible for us to fight the Socialists in any way - but I tell you frankly, I do not want suffrage controls by the crowd Mr. Berger represents.
her policy would divorce us from the prohibition movement and hurt us with the better people. With you would deprive the subject with key and find out for yourself. We are agreed.

on one thing that the suffrage amendment should be submitted to the people. I'd want to madam I should stick for that against the presidential amendment. There are going to be some fireworks at this convention because I happen to know that a large insignificant heresy is planning to go up there from here with their age suit against...
Van Dergen. Mrs. Dergen is quite open in her opinion that Mrs. Yeoman is a very nice lady. Which in her mind says all there is to say. I am in an embarrassing position. Both sides confide in me. I stand up for Mrs. Dergen—by do not agree with her on some questions of policy. Mrs. Van Dergen is ill, and naturally I was requested to take her place at the convention. I declined as I did not think I could go. I can see new life in republics...
Mrs Berger would like to be State President of the suffrage association. She is a splendid woman, but she must not get too close or we will be side tracked. You can see why. Of course you will keep all this under your hat. I can't mention these things to anyone but you. I feel that we are in a critical situation here—either ready to blow up or to conserve oursteam for a regular steam roller for suffrage. I wish you were here where you belong!

By the way, Mrs Jones, we enjoyed your sausage very much.
I like to have mamma receive such presents.
Arthur says it's time to go to bed. He wants me to reiterate that Mr. Berger is a better enemy of prohibition than would sacrifice these socialites for the liquor trade.

Goodnight Lady
With love

Isabel.
January 5, 1917,

Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

In planning our budget for the year 1917 it will be a great aid to us if we may know approximately what contribution each state branch will be able to make toward the work of the national organization during the year. We will be grateful if you will let us know as soon as possible what pledge your state can make for 1917 and on what dates this pledge can be paid.

We hope very much that your state will be able to help us bear the financial burden which the general national campaign makes necessary and that you will let us know soon what contribution we may depend upon from you.

With appreciation of your cooperation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul

National Chairman
Dear Miss James:

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Sippy in which she says that your branch in Richland Center has some money which it can contribute, and suggesting that possibly if we wrote to you and told our urgent need, you would be able to send us something. I am writing to you immediately to implore that, if you have any funds in your treasury which the club is willing to devote to the federal amendment campaign, they be sent to us at once.

We had a deficit of several thousand dollars at the close of the last year, and before we can do anything toward starting in on the work for this year we must pay these back bills and get something on which to go ahead. Our work is being very seriously crippled by the fact that we have to devote so much of our time now to raising money instead of doing the work which is pressing upon us. Anything which you could send would be of very great help to us at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
Chairman.
Miss Ada James, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I have just received your letter in which you tell of your plan of having an organizer divide her time between Wisconsin and Illinois. It seems to me it is a splendid plan. Will you not let me know whether there is any way in which we can help. Do you wish us to send you one of our national organizers or have you some one whom you know of who would be able to do the work? If you wish one of ours will you not let me know which one you prefer. For how many months would you desire to keep her?

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman.
January 19, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

We would be very grateful if you will send us the photographs of the members of your State Executive Committee and of any other prominent workers in the Federal Amendment Campaign in your State, with biographical details about them, so that we may keep this information on hand for our Press Bureau. All press material should be addressed to the Press Bureau, National Headquarters of the Congressional Union, 21 Madison Place, Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
National Chairman.
Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

We will be grateful if you will send us frequent reports, weekly, if possible, of the contributions made to your local treasury which are spent by your branch and not forwarded to the national headquarters. We would like the names and addresses of all contributors with the amount which is given. This will enable us to publish in The Suffragist a financial report from your branch.

You have probably noticed that we publish in The Suffragist, in addition to the report of our national treasurer, a report from our Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey branches. These branches do not send us the money which they collect and spend locally, but simply a list of the contributors. We would like to have the same arrangement with the other branches. I think it will be helpful if you will send such a report from your state as when donations are acknowledged in The Suffragist we find that people seem to be more interested in subscribing to the funds. Moreover a large total each week must necessarily have an effect upon Congress since it shows that the movement has financial strength.

Reports should be sent to the Treasurer of the Congressional Union, 21 Madison Place, Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C.

Hoping that we may have your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Madison, Wis.,

Dear Mrs. James,

Mr. Summer made the announcement your left in her hands. She did not understand the matter quite so the circumstance in part that they were pledging this money for the Suffrage movement. Mrs. Kooper tried to correct it, but I am not very wise. I think if you can get the names we can tell you how it is. However, I think if you can get the names we can tell. 13 for one year much concluding in three numbers and one for one dollar.

Mr. Kooper's, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. J. B. Johnson's and my own vote for the Federation anyway.

Can you attend the State Conference in Milwaukee Feb. 7 & 8, Plessy Hotel?

Mrs. Harvey left me to handle things formulated by that time. She does not understand legislation. Shall you be in town before that time?

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Ada James:

You do hearten me wonderfully. Thank you for all your kind words. I knew that special newspaper editions were right in your line. Evidently my judgment was well founded. We will send you at once some letter heads from headquarters and it might be worth while to have your local printer put your name on as manager of these special suffrage editions. Do you not wish to order some special envelopes? You can possibly use several hundred having a card put on that will help in advertising. We are short of envelopes at the office. I will ask Mrs. Hamilton to copy for you at her earliest convenience the list of newspapers to whom we send the weekly newspaper. Of course these special suffrage editions need not be confined to those on our list which is sent merely for your information. Will you try for a suffrage edition in some paper in every county in the state? That is the ideal set up by the National and a very good one. It is quite possible we may be able to have a suffrage page in one of the Milwaukee papers and something similar in one of the Madison papers. We will cover the Milwaukee papers if you will look after those in Madison. You were authorized by the Board to undertake this work and you are entitled to needful funds. If you wish me to I will at once authorize a sum of money, fixed by yourself, for your expenses.

I am very keen about these suffrage newspapers and I am more than pleased that you are willing to look after it. I am sure you can make it go and we will help you in every possible way. Just let us know how we can help.

Your pet scheme was presented by Mrs. Hooper and received the favor of the convention. About $14 per month as I recall it were pledged to promote the idea. I don't remember, however, that anybody was appointed to take charge of it. Do you want to take charge of this too? Write at any time and let us make this team work.

Affectionately always,

Theodore H. Foushee

Dictated but not read.
Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage

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January 27, 1917.

Dear Miss James:

In addition to the letters you are having written by influential men and women in your state to all your representatives in Congress and to the President and other leaders of the Democratic administration, asking them to do all in their power to secure the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment in this session of Congress, we are asking you to have letters written to every member of the House Rules Committee. A list of the Committee is herewith enclosed.

In these letters please urge the democratic members of the Committee to work with the President and the other powerful administration leaders mentioned in my recent letter of December 29th or 30th, to put the power of the administration back of the national suffrage amendment (known as House Joint Res. No. 1), and secure its passage this session, that is, before the end of the 64th Congress on March 4. Please ask the democratic members of the Rules Committee not to report to the House Representative Raker's resolution providing for a debate and vote on House Joint Resolution No. 1, unless they are assured by the President that the suffrage amendment has his support, which support will, of course, assure its passage. Please ask all the members of the Committee to report the rule for a debate and vote when they are assured of the passage of the amendment.

Representative Raker is using every effort to rush the report by the Rules Committee of his resolution or rule providing for a debate and vote at an early date, some time in February. He is taking this action
knowing there are not enough votes pledged in support of the suffrage amendment to secure its passage. At present we have about two-thirds of the Republicans and less than one-third of the Democrats in favor. Only the President’s support will give us enough additional Democratic votes to secure the passage of the amendment by the necessary two-thirds vote of both Houses required by the Constitution. To rush the amendment to a vote in February with full knowledge that it cannot pass, is in effect an act of hostility on Representative Raker’s part. He is supported in this effort by the National Woman Suffrage Association, whose lobby committee is having a petition to the Rules Committee signed by as many representatives from suffrage states as they can secure, urging provision for the vote in February, in the face of certain defeat (unless the President’s support is secured).

We ask the legislative chairmen of the suffrage states who receive this letter to have letters and telegrams sent by constituents to all their Congressmen immediately, stating we have no interest in a mere vote, and asking them to work for its passage.

With the desire to interpret, and not to criticise this situation, the policy of the National Suffrage Association seems to be one of opposition to our work for the Susan B. Anthony amendment, forgetful of the effect this opposition has on the amendment itself, or, if this be not a just interpretation of their purpose, their policy is one of securing merely a record vote, irrespective of the bad effect of that record vote upon the position of the amendment in the next Congress.

Our purpose is to secure the passage of the amendment and not a mere vote. A record vote at best is pointless in a dying Congress. We are working to secure the passage of the amendment at the earliest possible moment; if it cannot be passed through lack of the President’s support in this Congress, it will greatly improve our chances of success to have the amendment go over without a record vote that would kill it, to the next Congress, when we have an excellent chance of having it voted upon before the 1918 Congressional elections. This will be a strategic time for a vote and for securing the President’s support, before the 1918 election, when our political power in the West is greatest. To kill the amendment in February for the futile purpose of a record vote in a Congress that ends immediately would have a bad psychological effect on the next Congress and on the country, and make it more difficult to get the amendment up before the 1918 election. It is far better to have the amendment go over, alive as it were, to the next Congress, provided that the President has not got behind it in this Congress, which ends March 4. (It will of course have to be re-introduced in the next Congress).

We are making every effort to secure its passage now, and to keep the amendment alive until the administration leaders themselves feel responsible for and are assured of its passage.

Counting on your prompt action in impressing this point of view upon the administration leaders, all your representatives in Congress and the members of the Rules Committee, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

AHM: LC

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All members of the Rules Committee should be addressed at the House Office Building.

Washington, D.C.
Dear Mrs. Youmans:—

Do not expect much from the suffrage Edition. I was discouraged enough when the list came from headquarters—we have not working committees or organizations evidently, in as many counties as we had four years ago. There were but 45 counties in all and some of them are only names of women who are interested in suffrage.

I sent to them have sent me the complete list. Miss Lydia Pease is the only name for Jefferson County and she no longer lives in the state. What shall I do?
The newspaper list has not come - but only a few papers will look after a job of this kind - solicit suffrage advertising etc.

The printing is being done - I am addressing the envelopes so as to get it all out before the 1st of Feb.

It is a fine piece of work but organization precedes anything in my estimation.

Mrs. McEntire told me she only organized one or eight walks in the states last year.

Evidently she has stepped back many steps in organization. Mr. W. had strong organization in Lafayette, Iowa, Buffalo - and several other counties where apparently they are more now.

We have arranged with an editor here for a "suffrage edition" and the work is being pushed.

But you won't expect much under the circumstances will you. Of course I shall do the best I can.

Yours for Organization

Ada L. James
MISS ADAMS,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Adams:

The only other name of Jefferson County Ass'n. is Miss Jennie Needham—t he treasurer—but Mrs. McIllwain tells me she has gone south for the winter. Perhaps I had better give you all the names I have in that county and you may recognize a possibility.

Watertown:
Mrs. Albert Voss, 815 Cady Street
Mr. F.H. Swift, Editor Weekly Leader!!
Mr. Edward Sipp, 200 Church Street
Mrs. Hedwig Melzer, 216 - 8th St.
Mrs. Isabella L. Brown, 207 Church St.
Mrs. Lou Richards, 830 Richards Ave.
Miss Mary Shinnick, 401 College Ave.
Mr. Herman Wertheimer, 317 Main St.
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Mrs. A. Haberman

Fort Atkinson:
    Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Rogers.

I have not forgotten the newspapers, hope I am not
keeping you waiting.

Sincerely yours,

R. Hamilton

A Miss Lucy Hall of Watertown
has just paid a subscription
to Miss Bain. I think she
was at the convention.
January 30, 1917.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

I enclose herewith some copies of a minority report I made in favor of woman suffrage. The National American Woman Suffrage Association have had printed 5,000 copies of this report. I have on hand a thousand out of which I should be very glad to send copies to anyone you may designate. The workers may be able to get some argument from the report.

Please let me know how many you could use, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

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MENOMONIE, WIS.  June 31, 1917

Dear Mrs. Beers,

We are almost ready to begin the work of organizing the new club and have been discussing the possibility of having a secretary at Madison to write and follow up the Butts that are of particular interest to your club. I wish to present this to the Board have been discussing this situation and feel that it would be desirable to have a local worker in Madison to act as our representative. I would appreciate your considering the matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Date]
Dear Miss James,

I am calling a committee meeting for Wed. Feb. 7th at about 11:30 at the Fifth U. S. L. This morning. Mrs. Buffum was absent. Mrs. STAUFFER will attend. Mrs. STAUFFER and I have to depart either Wed. afternoon or Thu. morning. If you can not be present, please let me know so that we can arrange the funds and other matters you feel we should consider. If you can not present, I will inquire at the school for your name so we can be sure to get any information you may desire to send later.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
I think you are better able to
pick a black horse than I am. If
cheaper ships can get goods, it
will

S. H.
Dear Ada: I know you are not liking half a chance with the special editions. The project should have been launched months earlier. Still your own special edition in Richmond Centre will be worth all the effort, I am sure. And there will probably be some other results. Milwaukee women are slow but they are likely to have a dog in one Milwaukee newspaper.

We shall send you more. Will flowers long. Will finish the biographical sketch that goes into the historical sketch. Do you want to make a little story, in connection with the biography of the emancipation of the African American woman and at the convention in Janesville in October shortly before the election? Here are the...
I introduced resolution favoring woman suffrage in convention. With all resolutions
it went to the Policy Committee of which I was chairman. Policy Comm. considered it,
voted 4 to 1 against. Chairman announced
she should bring in minority report favoring
W.S. + Chairman presented report of committee
above to W.S.; then presented minority report
signed by herself, and made substitute
of minority for majority report. Better
argument against. Chairman gave only
five minutes for speech - urged that this
representative woman's organization could not
must not again W.S. in view of
approaching election. Minority report accepted
2 to 1. Incidentally chairman rather
lively able to stand.
Perhaps you remember all this. Were you there? Don't use unless affects you.

I hear for Washington Tuesday and later join Mrs. Jermano in Florida.

I have wanted desperately to get some new photos taken for your editions, but time is lacking. With love always,

Theona M. Jermano.

I am going to send some material for your name.
Dear Miss James:

I am enclosing to you the letter and other material sent out from the National concerning the Woman Suffrage Editions. Whether you can do much in the way of advertising I do not know. That means rather large undertaking on the part of any association but I do think the suffrage page or pages is a perfectly practical thing both for the country press and the smaller dailies. My present judgment is that the smaller dailies represent the largest newspaper opportunity in the Wisconsin press at the present time. I have not had a chance yet to see the Milwaukee papers. Perhaps we might find it necessary to offer something exclusive to induce them to give us a page. Otherwise I have some features in mind that might be interesting. Will write of them later.

Most cordially yours,

Theodore V. Fruwirth
President.

Dictated but not read.
"SUFFRAGE FIRST"

WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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THE WOMAN'S HOUR HAS STRUCK

February 7, 1917.

Dear Miss James:

Have you the name of the Barron County News at Barron as a possibility for a special edition? Mrs. Fannie Gordon, the wife of the editor, was at the Mississippi Valley Conference. Perhaps you met her. She does newspaper work, seems an intelligent woman and I think might be reached for the suffrage edition.

You are no doubt right in thinking that there must be an organization back of a special edition and that it is not of much use to try to do anything where there is no organization.

I am enclosing to you copies of the plate material sent out by the National. It looks to me very good indeed. For the country press it is the simplest thing in the world for the local organization to pay $1.50 for these plates and get them run in one of the local papers. I don't suppose we can use plates in the dailies. I am planning to go away February 17, Mrs. Youmans and I starting for the south to be gone probably six weeks. Much of this matter for the special issue can be prepared before I leave. I see these things as possibilities:

1. "How it happened in North Dakota" by Mrs. Stanley O'Neil
2. Article by Zona Gale
3. Possible verses by Ruth Pitch (now in New York).
4. A sketch of the School Law and the resulting litigation in Wisconsin, presented as an interview with Mrs. Brown. (This can be made up from the historical matter she sent me and from her book.)

We might have something short from the organizer-Mrs. McDowell and something brief from the Legislative Committee, if you think best. These can be managed from headquarters although I will not promise to secure them all. I promise to try. Headquarters can not do much I fancy, except under the direction of someone else. We will undertake to manifold for you whatever you want to distribute.

I am assuming that you have my letter of yesterday, asking definitely what you want and the expense thereof to lay before the Board at Thursday's meeting. Go ahead and do your best and I am sure something worth while will come of it.
Miss James—2.

Have you the Beloit News on your list? Miss Houston, the new president, is getting an astonishing amount of material in the columns of that paper.

Cordially yours,
[Signature]
President.

Dictated but not read.

P.S. In reading your letter over again I see you are sending to the National for proof sheets so we will keep what we have at headquarters unless you send for them.
Dear Miss Jones,

Our Committee met in my room at the Pfister and I made a report to the Conference on the legislation. This is for tomorrow and at that meeting the new Legislative Department, Mrs. Louis Kahlerburg, 234 Latrobe St., Madison.


Mrs. Joseph Aylward, 237 Langdon St., Madison
Mrs. Sarah B. Neel, 331 21st St., Milwaukee
Mrs. Lyman Q. Wheeler, Wauwatosa
Mrs. Henry T. Sheldon, 266 Langdon St., Madison

Madison, Wis.
Feb. 11, 1917.

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NINTH: Mrs. C. B. Baker, Chippewa Falls
TENTH: Mrs. Geo. A. Sparling, Ashland

I wish you all the best in your work for the Women's Clubs. I have the following names to add:
Mrs. Knowlton of Waterloo
Mrs. C. M. Carthy, Madison
Miss E. D. Harris, Menomonee

I wish you a little later copies of the Bulletin are to work for a better work. I wish you much success.
Miss von Lee. At the same time Mrs. Sumner
jesis at the same time.
I know not was to suggest other
Clippings of Madame has the being
necessary and last I know not of
stock that a good time there
possible with "quick" enough, the
work was in the Attorney General's
Office.

You are your to act for or against
Legislation following the desires of
the Federation and presented at the
meetings
That does not seem very clear to
me so perhaps it went to you
but you said you should not take
up any legislation contrary to the
known ideals of the Federation.

Yours truly,

Lillian H. Kelleway
February 12, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wis.

Dear Miss James:

We are so glad that you are acting as legislative chairman for Wisconsin. It is splendid to have your co-operation. I am today sending a letter to every legislative chairman asking them to send reports of work accomplished.

Will it be possible for you to come to our convention in Washington, March 1, 2, 3 and 4?

Believe me, with every possible good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Chairman.
Milwaukee, Feb 17 - 1917

Miss Ada James
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

For several years I have discussed the question of women suffrage with my close friend Mr. Geddes, of Milwaukee. He is an ardent and as I have always held a warm spot in my heart for both suffragists and the cause they espouse, I have naturally had several arguments with him.

Lately however, he has been delving deeply into the matter and has secured data - some few facts - of considerable general information on the subject that he has put into my mind so convincingly that I am a few steps away from my anchorage and tugging off the high pedestal the fair suffragists have builded for me. This would be dearly I fear - but I have informed my friends that I would take the liberty of addressing you on the subject, taking it for granted that, with your experience and kindness, you would be able to enlighten them where he is now in the dark - also commence him of the error of opinions he
has formed a theory made possible to
me for suffrage that otherwise might be
lost for all time. Agreeable to my request
he has mailed me the enclosed set of questions
and facts (as he terms it) and I hope
sincerely that I am not overstepping the bound
of propriety when I take the liberty of asking
for your assistance in enlightening my friend
on this subject. He has promised that your
answer to him will be held strictly
confidential, assuming that you are going
to be gracious enough to communicate with
him. He is honestly striving for more light
in women suffrage matters and is willing
to be convinced of the error of his conclusions
provided the is possible and I think it is.
I am going to thank you in advance for your
cooperation as I know that in the near future
I will be able to introduce to you personally
a brand new standard bearer for the
cause of women's equal Ballot.

P.S. AIR SCHAAR is DIG
FRIEND OF R.Y. PARKER
WHO WILL VOUCH FOR HIM.

Very sincerely,
B.L. Bunch.
Madison, Wis,
Feb 21, 1917

Dear Miss James:—I know I ought to be ashamed of not answering your letter sooner, but I have been feeling so tiny at the hospital, that I was unable to put my thoughts into words. The last time I was up to day for the first time, I had spent the mornings with Mrs. James and the evenings with the legislature, but I am sure you know the legislature must I say, Miss James, I love you. I was at the hospital, and she said she did not like the place. But the morning term ended, and she said she could not stay any longer. She says she is taking the would much like this money (I stated no sum whatever) I tried to get this to but could get only that it ought to be well paid. She knows, if she allowed that she would not accomplish all my wish as she is not accustomed to supporting me. I told her that I would give her all money that you could, and she said that it must go to her as I wrote.
your last address, Mrs. Mary Clemens, I think she might take the work for a little of Mrs. Clemens. I understand Mrs. Horton is kind that she has two mouths. Possibly she has lost her place now herself, and would get some as Mrs. Clemens said she did not know but she that she was to go back as soon as able.

I must try as soon as I have a little more time to get the bearings in fat and drop you a card as to the important ones. There have been several important ones but the cleaning house committee of the Christian League has helped out. The Commodities class has been slated for individual presentation. The local Women's Club to receive the has been sent back to the committee for my case. The thought that occurs to me that normally expect I once made you these stills I am my glad had Washington had a Birthday perhaps I can catch up. Just at present I do not feel hopeful as the boy must be at the hospital for a few days yet and yesterday my 16 yr old daughter down with Grippe which soon shot and to-day my husband came down with the same complicated with terrible head & back ache. I hope I shall not feel obliged to present.
CIRCULAR LETTER

TO

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

BY

MRS. JAMES BENNETT

My dear Miss James,

I do not think that many persons know that in 1871, Miss Susan B. Anthony and some other ladies claimed that under our Federal Constitution as altered by the adoption of its 14th Amendment, women had a legal right to vote at public elections, and petitioned Congress to make a federal law protecting them in the exercise of that right.

So I now write to you, and to other members of our National American Woman Suffrage Association, to call your attention to the above mentioned fact, and to some decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States that bear upon it, in the hope that I may thereby induce you to join with me and some other ladies, in signing a Memorial in which we request our National American Woman Suffrage Association to adopt as its next annual convention the same Resolution in regard to the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution that it adopted at its annual convention of 1914 and of 1916.

A Resolution which said: “We petition Congress to protect women against State denial of the right of citizens of the United States to vote for Members of Congress, Presidential Electors and United States Senators in the State wherein they reside, by making federal laws in pursuance of that clause of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution which says: No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States.”

Miss Susan B. Anthony tells us in her Woman Suffrage History, Vol. I, pages 497 and 498, that on December 12, 1871, she, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Isabella Beecher Hooker, Elizabeth L. Blanden, Olympia Brown and Josephine S. Griffen, “united in a Memorial, which was presented in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee, asking for a recognition of the rights of women under the 14th Amendment” . . . . . That this Memorial was addressed to “The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,” and read as follows: “The undersigned citizens of the United States, believing that under the present Federal Constitution all women who are citizens of the United States have the right to vote, pray your honorable body to enact a law during the present session, that shall assist and protect them in the exercise of that right.”

The “14th Amendment” referred to in the above mentioned Memorial is
that clause of this Amendment which says—"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

And in 1875, the Supreme Court of the United States decided in the case of Mrs. Virginia L. Minor that this clause of the 14th Amendment did not annul the word "male" in the Constitutions of our States, which confined the right to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors to men, and thereby enable women to have a legal right to vote for these federal officers, as counsel for Mrs. Minor claimed that it did.

And the Court decided this, by holding or deciding in its Slaughter-House cases decision of 1873, that the above quoted clause of the 14th Amendment only prohibited States from making or enforcing laws which deprived citizens of such rights as "owed their existence to the Federal Government, its national character, its Constitution or its laws," and then decided that the right to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors did not owe its existence to our Federal Constitution, by deciding that the Constitution of the United States did not confer the right of suffrage upon "any one," by using the below quoted words in the conclusion of its Minor vs. Happersett decision of 1875—"...Being unanimously of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States does not confer the right of suffrage upon any one, and that the Constitutions and laws of the several States which commit that important trust to men alone, are not necessarily void, we affirm the judgment of the Court below."..."}

But the Supreme Court held in the first part of its Minor vs. Happersett decision of 1875, that the above quoted clause of the 14th Amendment "prohibited" our States from making or enforcing any law which deprived female citizens of the United States of any right that did owe its existence to our Federal Constitution.

And in 1884, this Court decided that the right to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors owed its existence to our Federal Constitution, by deciding in the case of Ex Parte Yarbrough of 1884, that the right to vote for these federal officers was secured to citizens by the Original Constitution of the United States.

So the Supreme Court has now held in its combined Minor vs. Happersett and Ex Parte Yarbrough decisions that the 14th Amendment "prohibited" our States from making or enforcing any law which deprives female citizens of the United States of a right to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors.

And since the right of private citizens to vote for United States Senators owes its existence to the 17th Amendment of our National Constitution, the 14th Amendment prohibits our States from making or enforcing any law which deprives women of a legal right to vote for United States Senators, as well as of a legal right to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors.

And by doing this, the 14th Amendment has annulled the word "male" in the Constitutions of the majority of our States which confined the right to vote for Members of Congress, Presidential Electors and United States Senators to men, and thereby left their women in possession of a legal right to vote for these federal officers. Just as the removal of the word "male" from the Constitutions of eleven of our States as a qualification for voting, has left their women in possession of a legal right to vote for Members of Congress, Presidential Electors and United States Senators.

Because the 14th Amendment is a part of our Federal Constitution, which is the supreme law of this land, "any thing in the Constitution or law of any State to the contrary notwithstanding," as its 6th Article expressly declares.

The reason that women cannot exercise their legal right to vote for the above named federal officers in the majority of our States at the present time, is because these States are enforcing laws which forbid their officers to register the names of women as legal voters at federal as well as at state elections. And because Congress has refused or neglected to make federal laws under the 14th Amendment to protect their women in exercising their legal right to vote at federal elections, as our National American Women Suffrage Association has petitioned Congress to do.

I say, as this Association has petitioned Congress to do, because soon after the Supreme Court decided in the case of Ex Parte Yarbrough of 1884, that the right of citizens to vote for Members of Congress and Presidential Electors owed its existence to our Federal Constitution, Miss Anthony appointed me chairman of the "Federal Suffrage Committee" of our National American Woman Suffrage Association, and made it the duty of this Committee to petition Congress to make federal laws under the 14th Amendment to protect women against State denial of the right of citizens of the United States to vote at federal elections in the State wherein they reside.

And from that day down to the present time this Association has continued to petition Congress to do women this justice.

We have recently been advised to stop petitioning Congress to make federal laws under the 14th Amendment to protect women against State denial of the right of citizens of the United States to vote at federal elections in the State wherein they reside, and to go to asking the Supreme Court to protect women against State denial of this right.

But Congress made federal laws to protect colored men in exercising the rights that were guaranteed to them against State denial by the 13th and 14th Amendments of our National Constitution, and the 14th Amendment is like these two, in that it provides that Congress must enforce its provisions by "appropriate legislation."

And the Supreme Court has declared this to be a fact, by using the below quoted words in speaking of the 14th, 13th and 15th Amendments in its Ex Parte Virginia decision 1879: "It is not said the judicial power of the General Government shall extend to enforcing the prohibitions and to protecting the rights and immunities guaranteed. It is not said that branch of the Government shall be authorized to declare void, any action of a State in violation of the prohibitions. It is the power of Congress which has been enlarged. Congress is authorized to enforce the prohibitions by appropriate legislation. Some legislation is contemplated to make the Amendments fully effective."

Hoping that I may receive a favorable reply from you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Sarah Clay Bennett

Richmond, Kentucky, February 22, 1917.
My dear Miss James

I had this letter printed, in order that it might be read with ease.

Very sincerely yours,

Sarah Ely Bennett
PRESS SERVICE

Feb. 17, 1917.

WISCONSIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Headquarters

News of the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany was answered by a deep and reverberating echo from the millions of organized suffragists throughout the country. At the New York and Washington headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage association, telephone bells were ringing all day and telegrams poured in, as state by state the suffrage organizations got into line to proffer concerted action with the national on any program of constructive service to be offered to the Nation.

"We have serious business before us," said Mrs. Henry M. Youmans, Waukesha, state president, just before she left Wisconsin this week to attend the conference, now in session in Washington, at the call of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. At this conference of the executive committee, plans will be made for the suffragist's part in the country's defense in case of war.

Mrs. Gerald McDowell, state suffrage organizer, will leave Milwaukee on Tuesday for a six weeks' speaking tour through the northern part of the state. Mrs. McDowell will speak at Sheboygan Tuesday night. Later in the week she will go to Green Bay. Other stops will include Appleton, where she will speak before Lawrence college girls, city suffragists and groups of clubwomen in the smaller towns in Outagamie county and Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Waupon.

Mrs. McDowell has been working in Milwaukee since the state suffrage convention in Madison, on Jan. 16, 17 and 18. During her stay in Milwaukee, the city has been organized, by wards and precincts. A dozen ward meetings were held in various parts of the city. Mrs. F. T. Andrae, one of the leaders, invited to her home twelve
women wholly uninterested in the cause. At the close of Mrs. McDowell's speech, five of the guests had been converted. Mrs. McDowell spoke before the Cedarburg woman's club on Feb. 21.

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Mrs. Maud McCrery, Green Bay, popular woman suffrage speaker and leader, is recuperating at her father's home in Milwaukee from a breakdown, brought on by overwork. Suffragists throughout the state are bewailing the fact that her doctor has forbidden her to do any work for several months. Mrs. McCrery was to have lobbied for the referendum bill in Madison, but was forced to give up the work.

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Suffragists in Racine county recently bought out one of the city's best theaters, put on "Fair and Warmer" and cleared $525. The theater was beautifully decorated with posters, bunting and suffrage insignia, and pretty young women distributed suffrage literature between acts.

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Mrs. Maggie S. Hathaway is the first woman to preside over a branch of the Montana legislature. Mrs. Hathaway, who is one of two women members, recently was called by the speaker to preside over the house, while in a committee of the whole. After some discussion the legislators decided to address her as "Lady Chairman."

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Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale, noted feminist writer and lecturer, will give an address in the Majestic theater Saturday noon, March 10, under the auspices of the Milwaukee County Woman Suffrage Association. Mrs. Hale will be guest of honor and will speak at a suffrage tea in headquarters that afternoon.

Under the auspices of the county association, a Young People's tea was given at Suffrage headquarters on Saturday, Feb. 24. Talks were given by Mrs. Gerald MacDowell, Kenosha, state organizer, and Miss Ruth Murphy, a young Milwaukee Vassar girl.
The Man from Home - mar. 21.

Community Music - Mrs. Moody,
Mrs. Pease
Mrs. Balantyne.
Dear Ada James:

A whirlwind of business did not give much time for the special etch editions yesterday, but they were looked over. Your estimate of expense is very moderate.

The plan was for the local societies to pay for the huge plates $1.50, but if you can get the huge size papers when the society cannot pay, we will foot the bill. Naturally, we hope there will not be very many of these.
What date are you suggesting? Saturday Feb 24 or Sunday Feb 25.
It is best for dailies and the
work ending their tent for
it makes the
matters. Mrs. Stanley O'Neill
is in Milwaukee and will come
of the North Dakota Corp. I will
dent as much as possible of
next week to this proposition.
We plan to start some February 17,
but do not feel sure about it.

Affectionately

Theodore W. Freeman

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THE WISCONSIN CITIZEN.
MONTHLY BULLETIN.
of the
WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.
February 1917.

At the Annual Convention in Madison, January 18, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the present convention of Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association instruct its newly elected Executive Board to place before the 1917 legislature a bill providing for a state wide referendum granting full suffrage to women.

THE CITIZEN.

One more issue of the Citizen will be published during the current year, probably about April 1, to notify Citizen readers of the impending change.

NEW OFFICERS.

The following corps of officers was elected at the Annual Convention:

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SUFFRAGE NEWSPAPER EDITIONS.

All over the country suffrage work this month is concentrated on special suffrage editions of newspapers. In Wisconsin Miss Ada L. James of Richland Center is in charge. Local associations are urged to co-operate with her. Plates for special suffrage pages are provided by the National and cost only $1.50 per page. Many editors will be glad to print them because they are new and interesting and well illustrated. All any local association has to do is to pay $1.50 for one of these pages and secure the co-operation of the local editor so that he will print it. For daily papers, special suffrage features will be provided, together with pictures. We want special newspaper editions or special suffrage pages in each county in the state the last week in February. Write Miss James for advice and assistance.

SUFFRAGE LEGISLATION.

The following measure has been introduced into both houses of the legislature—in the Senate by Senator George B. Skogmo, River Falls, Pierce County, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman J. C. Hansen, Cambridge, Dane County:

SECTION 1. Subsection (5) of section 6.01 of the statutes is amended to read: (6.01) (5) Every woman of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have resided within the state one year and in the election district where she offers to vote ten days shall be deemed a qualified elector at such election; and all provisions of the constitution and statutes relating to or restricting or limiting the right of suffrage of male persons shall apply alike to women.

SECTION 2. The question whether the foregoing provisions of this act shall take effect and be in force shall be submitted to a vote of the people of this state, in the manner provided by law for the submission of an amendment to the constitution, at the next general election to be held in November, 1913. If approved by a majority of all votes cast on that subject at such election, it shall take effect and be in force from and after such approval by the people; otherwise it shall not take effect or be in force. Upon the ballot shall be printed "Shall chapter— (insert on the ballot the number of chapter) of the laws of 1917, entitled 'An act extending equality of suffrage to women' be adopted?"

In special charge of this measure is the legislative committee consisting of Mrs. Joseph Jastrow, Mrs. Frank S. Low, Mrs. Maud McCleary and Mrs. Henry M. Youmans.

OUR ORGANIZER.

Mrs. Gerald McDowell, State Organizer, is now in Milwaukee, organizing and speaking. The last of the month she goes north to Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Green Bay, possibly Marinette. When Mrs. McDowell is coming to your town, prepare the way for her by interesting as many people as possible and notifying the press.
DUNN COUNTY.

A new organization in Dunn County shows evidence of vigorous growth and usefulness. Some preliminary work was followed by a splendid meeting in Menomonie. A temperature of 30 below zero did not prevent an attendance of eighty persons. The meeting voted to secure headquarters and did secure them the next day, directly over the women's rest room. Miss Gladys Harvey is president and Miss Mary Burt Messer of the Stout faculty, is her right hand woman. They aim to thoroughly organize Dunn County and are even thinking of other worlds or counties, to conquer.

RACINE COUNTY.

Suffragists in Racine recently bought out one of their best theaters, put on "Fair and Warmer" and cleared $525.!!! The theater was beautifully decorated with posters, bunting, etc., and pretty young women distributed suffrage literature between acts. Would you like to know how to do it? Write and ask Mrs. John Reid, Jr., Racine, Wisconsin and she will tell you all about it.

OZAUKEE COUNTY.

The Woman's Club of Cedarburg listened to a real suffrage address by Mrs. Gerald McDowell on February 21. At the close of the meeting a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. McDowell for the interesting information she had given them. The ladies are anxious to hear more.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY.

Mrs. Hornell Hart will be hostess at a suffrage tea for young people at headquarters, Saturday, February 24 from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Gerald McDowell and Miss Ruth Murphy will speak. A cordial invitation is extended to anyone who may find it possible to attend. Gray hairs not excluded.

Mrs. Henry M. Youmans has just left for Washington where she will attend the emergency meeting of the National Executive Council. After her visit at Washington Mrs. Youmans will go to Tampa, Florida, where she and Mr. Youmans will spend a month.

Miss Harriet F. Rain will also represent Wisconsin at the emergency meeting. Mrs. Ben Hooper, Oshkosh and Mrs. B. M. Caples, Waukesha will attend the Washington meeting.

Mrs. B. C. Gudden, Oshkosh, our German Press Chairman is spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas.

Wisconsin Suffrage "Don'ts":

DON'T forget to send your best news item to headquarters.
DON'T forget to send a copy of that "Special Suffrage Edition" to headquarters.
DON'T make a mistake and fail to call at headquarters when you come to Milwaukee. REMEMBER, 428 Jefferson Street, Room 24.
Dear Ada James: It came in han not all the organizations in had at the close of the campaign. It was impossible to keep them without the work of an organizer. Our list is in a bad way, but by no means wholly bad. I am writing at home but with the end catalogued in Milwaukee. So my suggestions will be of either a hit or miss order.

Please send a good one for a special edition. I hope there are progressives and Mrs. Doris Komer is my able friend. Below are Miss Houston the president. She is new and I thought most promising at the convention. Here are other suggestions:

Racine - Mrs. John Reid (Stephan Bullis's daughter)
Menominee, Dunn Co - Miss Mary Ruth Moser
La Crosse - Mrs. James Hegeman
Bloom - you must have a new name. If not write Mrs. Blazo Rung
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Racine - Mrs. E. Nelson

Milwaukee - Miss Amy Connolly, Journal

Oshkosh - Mr. Edger, Democrat

Superior - Mary Scott Johnson

Vernon Point - Mrs. D. J. Ledyb
Plates cannot be offered to daily papers. My idea was to ask for one or two pages to be filled by local suffragists, accepted by you and the state board. It would be necessary for the local suffragists to make arrangements with the newspaper, select an editor, and go ahead. The newspaper editors would be signed articles if desired. I think the daily papers outside Milwaukee offer an excellent opportunity in this direction. We will try to get a Milwaukee paper to follow suit.

Keep a very cordial day in prospect today but will try to get something more for you. My idea was not to write direct to newspapers without also writing to suffrage in the city.

I'm with you for organization — every time.

Mrs. Henry M. Youmans.
THE WISCONSIN CITIZEN.
MONTHLY BULLETIN
of the
WISCONSIN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.
March-1917.

Although so many of the State Board are away on their vacations much activity is evident in various parts of the state.

ORGANIZATION.

The Organization Committee, Mrs. Isaac P. Witter, chairman, Mrs. A. W. Schorger, and Mrs. James Jenkins, Madison; Miss Elizabeth Upham, Milwaukee and Miss Mary Burt Messer, Menomonie, are planning a great "Spring Drive" for the purpose of winning the whole State for equal suffrage. The State is to be divided among the five "generals." One of the plans is to train high school girls to do active suffrage work.

Mrs. Gerald R. McDowell has had a busy month, speaking sometimes twice and even three times a day. Through her instrumentality a fine new organization has been formed in Sheboygan with the following officers: President- Mrs. Edward Bowser, 1st Vice President- Mrs. E. J. Barrett, 2nd Vice President- Mrs. Walter Kohler, Secretary- Mrs. R. F. Schadbock, and Treasurer, Mrs. William Stopper. This organization receives a warm welcome. Suffrage will no doubt make rapid strides in the western part of the State now.

Wisconsin received the best kind of a call from Mrs. David P. Simpson, President of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association, Minneapolis. On Mrs. Simpson's homeward journey from the Washington meeting she stopped off at Sharon for one day and organized a suffrage association with the following officers: President- Mrs. Ella D. Ellis, Secretary- Miss Bertha Sheeger, and Treasurer- Mrs. Leslie Daniels. We hope Mrs. Simpson will call again.

LEGISLATION.

Senator Skogmo's bill, 1068, granting full suffrage to the women of Wisconsin was granted a hearing before the Senate State Affairs Committee on March 15. Splendid arguments were presented by our women but no definite action was taken. The anti's were there too.

LITERATURE.

The State Literature Committee announces recent additions to suffrage bibliography:

The Woman Suffrage Year Book, 1917.
Women, Home, and Government- Edward Pollard
Social Forces.
Subjection of Women according to St. Paul.
Why the Federal Amendment?
Federal Action and State Rights.
How to work for suffrage in Election Districts.
Suffrage Arguments.
Woman Suffrage by Federal Constitutional Amendment.
Address LITERATURE COMMITTEE, Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association, 428 Jefferson Street, Milwaukee, for service in your literature needs. Lists, outlines, etc., gladly furnished.

MRS. MAUD MC CREEK is speedily regaining her health and we hope that she will soon be able to take up her work again.

SUFFRAGE EDITIONS of special merit have come to headquarters from Kenosha and Madison. No doubt there were others but we have not seen them.

The ESSAY CONTEST is arousing much interest among high school students. One young woman in Milwaukee is using suffrage as the subject of her senior essay.

New officers are reported for the Outagamie County Political Equality League at Appleton. President—Mrs. Rush Winslow; Vice President—Miss Aimee Baker; Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Mary Sands.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS would indicate that some of our suffrage associations have been electing new officers. We do not know at headquarters whether these reports are authentic. Do you?

MILWAUKEE COUNTY has been very busy of late. Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale addressed a large audience of both men and women at the Majestic Theater Saturday noon, March 10. Sixty recruits were secured for suffrage and half of the collection—over $60—was presented to the Lincoln Memorial Fund. Mrs. Hale was guest of honor that afternoon at headquarters.

SUFFRAGE TEAS are being given about every two weeks at the headquarters, when different groups of people come and listen to some phase of suffrage work and enjoy a social cup of tea.

A NEW FLAG will soon be flying from headquarters.

SEVEN SCHOOL DIRECTORS are to be elected in Milwaukee on April 3. All the candidates were invited, and with one exception accepted, to speak in one of the schools that their constituents might see and hear them. Needless to say, suffragists planned the meeting.

MAIL is coming to headquarters in large quantities, so large in fact a wagon has had to be used for its delivery. Just arrived! Five mail bags of Shafter speeches. How many would you like to distribute? It is an excellent speech and should be used.
Dear Miss Jones—I have just heard from Mrs. Ander-Jones, your support is greatly needed. I refer you to the following letter:

"Madison, Wis., Mar. 1, 1927

Dear Miss Jones—Mrs. Anderson and I went to the Assembly today to support women's rights and feel that it was an appropriate time to bring this issue to the floor. We had expected the men to reject it, but they failed to remove a great deal more about the matter than you did and "I want a Board of Women's Medicine". His reasons finally convinced me to support. Isn't that strange? Because the Board handled the business and no woman could do this. Indeed, because it was not right to legislate anything into a position where she must hear horrible crimes discussed in detail before men. Third, because a woman couldn't cover these issues. When he found me representing women he expressed a strong desire to come to women that as she still maintained that she could not consent to a woman in equal position for this atom reason I..."
I fail to see what the compromise could constitute, nor do I recall consulting the act of some member of my committee as to our action. He suggested that we could take it up with the committee of the legislature, and I told him I supposed to do as I thought as it was an administration bill. But, as you ought to see your friend I am sending you another copy of the bills you decided to work for or against (52 A 370 374) (57 A 915 925) I am also sending others which I wish you to opinion.

You must get ready to work for Martin's Pension. A Committee has been appointed to investigate conditions. They claim to be in favor of the law but think it badly administered.

Sincerely

William H. Tuttle.
March
First
1917

Mrs. Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisc.

Dear Mrs. James:

Your kind letter of February 16 has been forwarded to me and I thank you for your cordial invitation to speak in your municipal theatre and for the personal hospitality which you so kindly offer.

I am sorry to tell you that I am not able to make arrangements with you at this time, much as I would like to do so. But I have received such a vast number of similar invitations that in order to avoid the unpleasant necessity of making a limited selection from the multitude of requests that have come, I have been obliged to put my speaking engagements under the management of Mr. Lee Keedick of 437 Fifth Avenue, New York. Mr. Keedick will have charge of my engagements until I speak for the Redpath people and any arrangements made will have to be made directly with him.

I am sorry to have missed seeing you last summer but I am hoping that I may see you again before a great while.

I trust you will understand that the necessity of my refusing your invitation in no way indicates any lack of appreciation on
my part for you kind invitation.

With all good wishes and warm greetings to you, I am

Faithfully,

[Signature]

JR/H
Milwaukee, Me 3/17

Miss Ada James,
Richmond Center Ws.

Dear Miss James:

You will please pardon my hasty seeming neglect in not acknowledging your very friendly communication of Feb 23. I want to thank you most cordially for the time & close attention you must have given it, and also whipping that you have just about made one convert & you have hit another with a 42 centimeter gun, but (don't win here)
Mar 24th - It's a short

My health has improved

from a tiny illness. You

are doing very well.

The children are doing

very well. The weather

is nice. We are

using the washing

machine again.

Mrs. Smith has put

back all my orders.

I will send your coat

soon.
likewise he is going to endeavor to point out possible errors he thinks you have made in some of your answers. He told me that he had read your answers to several of his friends and if you knew Mr. J. as well as I do (his friends are legion) you would appreciate the fact that your letter has acted quite the part of a missionary for it has carried good news for suffrage in remote corners of Michigan.
Also--he has asked me if, on your next visit to Mil, you could, in company with Mrs B and me, accept of an invitation to care at his home and after breaking bread, engage in a little friendly discussion on the subject in question. Personally I would like to see you there. Dutchman? I hope you can arrange it! My regret is that my dear...
is out in Globe Arizona at present & I do not expect her to return for six weeks. However if you can arrange to come or expect to be in Milwaukee at any time in the near future I rather think I can pass that point this of course with your approval. Doubly that big for Cousin in law of mine — meth by
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WASHINGTON D.C. 21 MAR 22
MISS ADA. JAMES. 0 CITY.

PLEASE HAVE LARGE NUMBER TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS SENT PRESIDENT WILSON FROM NOW ON TILL CONVENING CONGRESS ASKING HIM IN FORTHCOMING MESSAGES TO CONGRESS TO URGE PASSAGE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT AS PART OF HIS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. HAVE MESSAGES COME FROM MEN AND WOMEN ALSO FROM ORGANIZATIONS. INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS MAKES ENFRANSHIGMENT WOMEN IMPERATIVE.

ANNE MARTIN.
Telegram -
23 present
Rec. educational bills
Mrs. L. letter
Play - 7th to 12th to 14th -
Mrs. Walsh reported 125-150 members
at 8th. Phil -
IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS OF SIXTY FIFTH CONGRESS SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT IS MOST URGENT QUESTION NOW BEFORE COUNTRY PLEASE ORGANIZE DEPUTATIONS TO ALL YOUR CONGRESSMEN URGING THEM NOT ONLY TO VOTE BUT TO WORK AND FIGHT FOR ITS PASSAGE PLEASE SEND REPORTS.

ANNE MARTIN.

815 AM.
Racine, WI
Mar. 14, 1917
104 W. Main St.

My dear King James:

It always troubled me to fail to write you, but now I am
encouraged enough to tell you that I have never been
in sympathy with much of Wisconsin legislation, especi-
ally with that which
accepted State were writ
ing for, had I not known
La Fadlletis hold upon
them. He has planned
himself recently; just
what Knight has been
expected, and I don't
see your sense nor any
Congress man Carpen and
others of this ilk.
Therefore, my dear Wife,
James I can not grant
Dear [Name],

The time has come for those who have beendamage to the
the land. Certainly,
I am in this true
form to my convic-
tions. I have given
to things I believe
for several years
until it has time,
so I am not open to
the change of mag-
trarily.

Very sincerely,
Emma E. [Name]
V 200 S. Mills
Nashville, Ala.
March 1919

My dear Miss James,

I should be very glad to do this work for you. A short time ago Mrs. Turner and I looked over the bills and made a list of those which especially concern women, children, and the home. Should be very glad to go over the list with you if you so desire.

I doubt very much as to whether the daily papers would take the kind of report that you wish made. If it is to be of real value to the club it must be a frank expression of just what happens and the
sent out and any other suggestions you wish to offer.

Please address me at the
Capitol, as before, to Mr. Clay
Turner as I receive it some.

Very sincerely,

Betha M. Roll.
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Miss Ada James, Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

The extra session of Congress is called for April 16. Rumors are that the President may call it together on an earlier date, in view of the international situation.

Will you please take immediate steps to have a large number of letters and telegrams sent to President Wilson, from now till the assembling of Congress, asking him to urge upon Congress the passage of the national suffrage amendment as part of his legislative program in his forthcoming message to that body?

It would be well to have the telegrams and letters come from men and women, both, and from organizations as well as individuals.

Relying on your promptness and activity in this important matter, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Chairman Legislative Committee.

March 20, 1917.

AHM/G.
March 21, 1917.

Dear Miss James:

We are frequently requested for lists of congressmen from the various states. We are very glad to furnish these lists and any other information which we have at hand, but it would save a great deal of time if you wrote directly to your congressman, asking him to send you a copy of the latest edition of the Congressional Directory. The edition which is available just now is that of the 64th Congress, which contains an official list of the members of both Houses of the 65th Congress. We have just been informed by the clerk of the House of Representatives that the Congressional Directory for the first session of the 65th Congress will be available some time in the early part of May.

You will find that this book will give you complete lists and biographical data of the members of Senate and House, the membership of committees, etc. A great deal of time will be saved if you adopt this suggestion.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

[Signature]

Miss Ada James, Mrs. Edward M. Jarrett, Ark.
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By writing to South Trimble, Clerk of the House of Representatives, you can secure, in addition, what is called a "Vest Pocket Edition" of the Congressional Directory, which also contains lists of members of both Houses, as well as members of committees. This small edition which is available just now is that of the 2d session of the 64th Congress and does not contain an unofficial list of the 65th Congress, but the edition for the 65th Congress will be available also during the early part of May.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Chairman, Legislative Committee.

AHM: LC
March 22, 1917.

Dear State Chairman,

When there are changes in state or local officers, new ones elected or former ones resigned, etc., will you please, at once if possible, send to me direct a type-written list, (not a letter, please) of such officers, being careful to see that the list is DATED AND LABELED clearly as to state, congressional district, county, precinct etc., and that addresses are correctly given.

When an officer gives her name as Mrs. Mary Jones, please put in parenthesis her husband’s initials, thus: Mrs. Mary Jones (Mrs. J. T.). Where an officer takes the place of a former officer, please report it so: Chairman—Mrs. J. T. Jones. (Takes place of Mrs. T. L. Makes who resigns).

Do not, please, depend upon my getting this information from the reports for “The Suffragist” or from letters addressed to other persons at Headquarters. When this is done, names are sometimes lost.

This most needful cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Organization Sect.
Madison, Wisconsin
March 26, 1917

Dear Miss James,

I have gone over the list of bills which you have sent, and find that with a few exceptions it corresponds with the list which I have made. I shall be very glad to have your list of Assembly bills when you find time to get it ready.

During the recessive period which is to be soon, I will have time to prepare a report of the bills that have been disposed of. I believe that I understand now what my duties are to be.
and that a conference is 
really not necessary.

The Bulletins of Hearings 
appear each Friday. I shall 
purchase cards and notify 
the "supporters" of important 
hearings, as you suggest.

I understand that the 
report you wish at the end 
of the month is the recommen-
dation of the committee con-
cerning the bills, those that 
appear at the hearings for, 
against the measure — and 
mainly what is done with 
the bills on the floor. Am 
I correct?

Many Hearings concern 
the same topic will make
March 24, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I have just telegraphed to Mrs. Bertram Sippy, telling her that Miss Mabel Vernon, one of our best organizers, will be able to leave Washington on Monday, March 26, for Illinois to organize there for a month. She can then go to Wisconsin for the next month, if you still desire her. I understand that your plan was to have an organizer go to Illinois for one month and then to Wisconsin for the following month, each state being responsible for her salary of one hundred dollars during the period while she was in the state and also for the organizing expenses of her work while there. Please let us know at once whether this plan is satisfactory to you.

We have arranged to have Miss Vernon take as her permanent territory the Lake States, consisting of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana. She will work constantly in this district, helping each state committee to organize its congressional districts and counties, and in every way to promote the organization and legislative work in this territory.

Miss Vernon's address will be the Woman's Party headquarters, 1004 Stevens Building, Chicago, Ill., in case you wish to communicate with her.

I hope that this plan will meet with your approval.
(Miss James, page 2)

and that Miss Vernon will be able to encourage and greatly develop the work in Wisconsin.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul
Chairman.

AP/G.
May 24, 1917.

Miss Ada James, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Our lobbyists report that it is most advisable to have special pressure brought upon Representatives William H. Stafford, William J. Cary, J. H. Davidson and James A. Fears of your state, by means of letters from their men and women constituents, to convince them that there is strong sentiment in their districts for the national suffrage amendment.

We hope you will urge this action from your districts immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Legislative Committee.

AM:LC
March 23, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Mrs. Sippy has telegraphed that owing to illness in her family she can do nothing in Illinois at present, and Miss Vernon is therefore not starting to Chicago tonight as originally planned. She will go a little later, however, and will let you know when she will be able to reach Wisconsin.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Chairman.
March 28, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James,

You probably know that "The Suffragist" is not a self-supporting paper. Yet it is the only department of the organization which could maintain itself and not be a burden on the other departments. It is our aim this year to make the paper financially independent and one of the best ways of doing this is to increase our advertising. Will you as State Chairman of Wisconsin appoint an advertising manager for your state and she can appoint a committee of women who can help increase both our local and national advertising. This is our only hope of making the paper pay for itself this year.

Being distinctly a woman's paper "The Suffragist" should be an excellent medium for firms advertising things in which women are interested. Firms dealing in wearing apparel, household necessities and especially hotels should be most anxious to use our paper as an advertising medium. If you yourself would get one advertisement and your state advertising manager with her committee get several, we could soon make the paper a source of income rather than a burden.

After we have gotten advertisements we must do all we can to turn the trade of our members and friends to the merchants who are helping us. It is the personal backing which we as individuals can give that makes it pay the advertiser.

I hope you will be able to appoint a manager of advertising for your state immediately, so that we can communicate with her and get "The Suffragist" on a paying basis as soon as possible.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

advertising Manager.
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March 29, 1916.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

We are sending you by mail three hundred copies of the program for the conference of the non-voting states, and we trust that you will circulate the members of Wisconsin. If you need any extra copies for distribution from headquarters, or to be used for meetings, we shall be very glad to forward them to you.

We are most anxious that the conference should be thoroughly advertised in every non-voting state, and outside of circulating members we must depend on the efforts of the state chairman and executive committee to secure a delegation.

We cannot lay too much stress on the benefit to be derived from attendance at the conference to individual members or state groups by a fuller knowledge of the work to be accomplished and a more thorough understanding of the present legislative situation in Washington.

May we not count upon a delegation of at least five members from Wisconsin?

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Arrangements.
Dear Miss Paul:

Miss Varon was very satisfactory to us. I was just writing to tell you when your second letter came Saturday night. As well though, now about her salary etc. If we raise $100 for her salary can not the collections go toward her expenses? When Miss Hill was here I felt as though had the money she raised then applied toward organizing the state, we would have had much more congressional work done, an organization & more money forth coming. Money was needed at Washington.
Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association

I thought possibly Miss Vernon's collection would more than pay expenses thus we might be able to keep the organizing six months.

Sincerely yours,

A. F.
Mrs Ada James,

Richland Center, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James,

Miss Paul has handed me your letter to answer as the general organization work at headquarters in now in my charge.

We are delighted that the work in Wisconsin is going on and I know that Miss Vernon will be the greatest possible help. In regards to the matter of salary, if the state pays the salary of the organizer all collection money goes to the state treasury and could, of course, be used for the expenses of the organizer. In the case of Miss Hill, I understand that at that time her salary was paid by the National Headquarters so the collection went to the National to defray expenses.

I hope that this is satisfactory.

Will you, in future, send all information about the state work direct to me, such as change of

April 3 1917.
Officers, resignations, or addresses, time of state conferences &.
I shall then give the information to the Suffragist and various
departments.

Thanking you for any help that you can give me in this
matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Organization Secretary.
Dear [Name],

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to let you know that I have been thinking about our upcoming plans. I hope this letter finds you well and that our plans for the future are progressing as expected.

Count on my support in any way.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
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Dear Miss James:

The Board of Control Bill comes up there at 2 o'clock in the State Affairs Committee, room 210, 926 Assembly Building. Come in if you can. The Milwaukee women are practically standing for this bill and we must get it passed. I was at the phone, I wish they had let me know the stand they made and wire if we can any thing. I have not seen their letter, but heard one read on the phone. I wish they had let me know the stand they made at the lake as it means more a split in the ranks of both the Federation and Suffrage.

In haste,

[Signature]

[Date]
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ADA JAMES /3 CITY.

WAR CRISIS ACUTE BUT HOPEFUL RUSH ALL TELEGRAMS POSSIBLE TO CONGRESS-MAN DEMANDING SUPPORT MAHON BILL PROVIDING COMMISSION ON PEACE TERMS BEFORE INSTEAD AFTER WAR ALSO CARRY OF WISCONSIN BILL FOR CONSCRIPTING WEALTH PROTEST PRESIDENTS DEPORTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CONGRESS PROTEST SENDING AMERICAN CONSCRIPT ARMY TO EUROPE IMMEDIATE ACTION IMPORTANT.

MRS. A. H. QUACKENBUSH.

935 AH.
Bell, La Vue —
Mrs. Holmes —

Mrs. Morley, La Vue Johnson —
Anna of piano

Mrs. Johnson — Mrs. Holmes of piano

Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. Hedges
April 4, 1917.

Dear Ada James:

How busy are you just now? Running your town, doing your house cleaning and a few other things that fall habitually to your lot. Can you do the work which Mrs. Boyd wishes done as outlined in this letter? As you see, she wants it done quickly. If you have no time for the investigation necessary I will pass it on to someone else.

Shortly before I went away I had a talk with Mr. Campbell, managing editor of the Milwaukee Journal and he told me that that paper would be willing to print occasionally articles on timely features of suffrage news; such articles to be signed by the writers. When you have time could you not write an article for us in the Journal? Anything timely would be all right. I think it should be not more than one column long.

Mr. Youmans and I had a delightful time in Florida and fell in love with that state all over again. I enjoyed the outing so much that it really surprises me to find that work tastes good too.

Affectionately yours,

Hester M. Youmans
President.
April 7, 1917.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

Your telegram received. I did the very best I could to keep us out of the European war. I have two boys who will undoubtedly be called. You can imagine how Mrs. Nelson and I feel about it. We would gladly give them in defence of the country or any great principle, but --.

Mrs. Nelson is at the office and wishes to be remembered to you kindly.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

JMN:CM
Miss Ada James,  
Richland Center,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James;  
I see by our file of state officers  
that the state of Wisconsin has no membership chairman,  
and I am going to ask you as state chairman to appoint one  
at your earliest convenience.  
In the states having this  
ofice competently filled we find that the state chairman  
is saved a great deal of trouble as all correspondence  
relating to membership then goes directly to the  
membership chairman.

I am hoping in the future to be able  
to send you a monthly report, as I feel we are all interested  
in knowing what the different states are doing to increase our  
numbers. I am enclosing two cards which were signed here at Convention  
time - you will want the names for your local file.

Trusting to receive the name and address of your new  
membership chairman in the near future, I am,  

Very Sincerely,  

W. M. Fallert  
Membership Secretary.
[1917] Apr. 15

Dear Miss James -

Thank you for the letter from Mr. Keating, Secretary of the Anti-War Committee, that he sent to you on March 31st. I hope you received it yesterday. It was signed by the leaders who visited you.

Mr. Keating told me that you had written to him about your plans for the immediate future. He said that you had decided to return to the United States as soon as possible. He also mentioned that you had been in touch with several charities and that you were planning to visit some of them when you arrived.

I am glad to hear that you are planning to return to the United States soon. It is good to know that you will be able to continue your work there.

With best wishes,
[Signature]

[Address]
criticized Hunsinger's statement that N.T. and the rest are solidly from
With love
Very sincerely
Sue Sternlieb
shelter from April 15.
Madison, Wis.
April 14, 1877

Dear Miss James,

So many letters have passed between us that I feel we are real friends, though we haven't met. I find that we agree on the war question.

The most important hearing in the campaign of 1878 before the Assembly Committee on Election, Wednesday, March 7th. There will be a number of joint resolutions introduced concerning this war.
problem, in which the women will be interested. I will try and get out notices of these hearings.

I found that sending out lists of the bills to each woman as expensive and it is entirely out of the question that we have decided on a better scheme.

I am going to send out bound bulletins of the proceedings. There are not enough copies so that all will receive the last edition, but any of the task leaders will contain a list of all bills introduced so that it will answer as a reference when I call attention to bills by numbers. You will receive these some time this week.

Since there are not as many important hearings listed for this week, I expect to get lots done on my report. There is talk-
I'm rushing legislation and attempting to get those by June 1, I don't see how that is possible.

I am sending you a statement of the payments I have received.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Other hearings listed for this week:

April 7:
144 S, 44 Res. 36 S, 94 Res. 48 S, 94 Res. 47 S.

April 11:
44 A, 448 A, 446 A, 219 S, 326 S, 187 A.

April 18:
403 A, 426 A, 581 A, 59 A.

April 19:
To Miss James,

you have probably heard that the suffrage bill was passed in the Senate today. Everyone is afraid it won't pass the Assembly. But I am still hoping.

I find that it is impossible to get on a postal card a list of the important bills up for hearing, and an explanation of the bills. Just the number of the bill would of course mean very little or nothing at all.
to the most of the women that I have on my list, I think it would be a good plan for me to send a typewritten list to each one such as you sent to me. I could then each week send the number of the titles that were up for hearing & make explanation would be necessary. I am afraid you are very busy but if you could possibly get time to send me your list of Assembly titles, I would have copies of both lists sent to the women at once.

I hope the women won’t think that I am idle even if they are not hearing from me. I am giving all of my time to it & they will receive the report in time for it to be of use to them.

Before I finish this work I intend to make a report of each man in the legislature which will be a good summary of what has taken place during the session. So I hope the...
women won't feel that they have subscribed money for something which is giving them no return.

I find that I am kept so busy taking notes and looking up bills that I get no time to get the material in shape for sending out.

If you are not satisfied with my method don't hesitate to tell me.

Very sincerely,

Bertha M. Roll.
My dear Miss James:

It has occurred to me that it would be a good thing to organize an intensive campaign for the South Western part of the State to see how much of the unorganized territory we could bring into line before fall.

According to the information I have been able to get, there are no organizations in Crawford, Iqwa, or La Fayette counties. These three counties contain several important towns, and thinking the matter over it seems to me that you being acquainted in this part of the State, could help me greatly in this plan to cover this territory.

Boscobel and Muscoda in Grant County both have organizations and possibly they could be brought to help us in the work.

We are dividing the State into districts under the leadership of well known suffragists for this intensive work during the spring and summer, and we are making desperate efforts to cover the whole State and get an organization if possible in each county.

I feel sure you will be able to give me the help I wish, and I will be glad to hear from you and to know what you think of this plan.

Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Blyer and Mrs. Jastrow have promised to go and speak where ever a call is made for a speaker and during the summer Mrs. Glenn Turner has promised to give us the two weeks of her vacation.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Charlotte C. Wilke
Dear Friend:

I am very glad the responses have been as favorable to the suffrage cause. I will enclose five dollars towards the expense of printing and mailing circulars.

I asked the principal here to post one at the promised date, and she promised, I had learns that she did not exhibit the one you mailed to her. After I sent
One he said he had given
it to the principal teacher, I had
already given one to her and she
promised the pupils should
write essays, but I did not believe
they would try to write.
I thought you were so much
for your efforts on the work.
This war is making people
willing and bringing women
to understand things no one
else could have done.

Please give me the names
of all the students who sent in
essays and the schools to which
they belong and their post office
addresses when you report to
me and then I will send
the cash for the prizes.
I have great faith in the
education the correct things
for those who take heart and fur-
thor with whom they associate.
I am growing since last time.
ever before. I am trying a remedy but have little faith that I can be cured. Do you know what is the best and for hearing of any of the remedies advertised? If I cannot get help I will be compelled to try something. Sincerely yours.

Hannah E. Patchin.
Madison. April 21, 1917.
(108 B. Wm. Suffrage Assembly Thurs. 10:30 A.M.)

Hearings 2:00 P.M.
April 24.
121 S. Room 334 SHEET WING.
526 S. 302
April 25.
540 Room 314 S. Wing.
580 A. Y. W. F. 4th Floor.
April 26.
524 S. Room 310 S. 29.
948 314 S. 29.
(Received 2.50 from
Mrs. Knapp.)

Very sincerely,

Bertha M. Roll
200 S. Mills.

Phone 46 67.
April 25, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:—

I think woman suffrage has been endorsed by other societies than those listed on our leaflet. For instance I think there are two or more teachers' associations in the state beside the State Teachers' Association which have endorsed suffrage. Just what this ministerial association means I do not know. It would be better to say Methodist Conference, Presbyterian Synod, etc. The only way to get at this so far as I can see is to scan carefully our old issues of the Citizen, and possibly the Woman's Journal.

I trust you do not find gardening and the conservation of food too war like for your support. Shall you be able to do anything in the way of gardening at Richland Center? If you should want a speaker in that line Miss Emma Conley of the University Extension Division is very good. We had her at a mass meeting at Waukesha Friday night and found her a very satisfactory speaker for a popular audience.

How is the essay contest coming on?

Affectionately yours,

Theodore H. Youmans
President.

Dictated but not read.
Dear Miss James,

I can't tell you how delighted I am that my work pleased you.

I had been working on it so long and could see so many ways in which I could have made it better that I was almost reaching the place where I thought it was not worth much—so I was very grateful.
indeed for your praise.

Before turning it in however I would like to go through all my notes and add something to my record of the assembly meeting. So I am only going to send you about half of it now and take the rest home with me. I may work on it for two or three weeks and will then send it on to you.

Mrs. Burns and I were talking about the work and we both think the printers would work from the written manuscript and thus save the work of typewriting it. What do you think about it?

In two years from now I expect to be able to use the typewriter myself and so will be much better prepared for such work if my services are needed. I am leaving Friday.
afternoon. Will be in Chicago a couple of days and then am going to Raley Indiana for some time. Mail sent to that address at any time will always reach me.

Cordially & gratefully

Bertha M. Roll.

I will send the first half of the record to you some time today or tomorrow.
Have received the following payments:

- Mrs. Fleischer $1.00
- Mrs. Bleach $2.00
- Mrs. Cary $3.00
- Mrs. Elaine $1.00
- Mrs. Jimmerville $1.00
- Mrs. James $1.00
- Mais Sabio $1.00

Total: $10.00

Bertha M. Roll
May 1, 1917

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Your letter of April 26th will be brought to Mr. Nelson's attention upon his return from the hospital where he has had to undergo an operation.

He intended to have the operation before the session convened, but the President advanced the date two weeks and so he had to postpone it in order that he might be present at the opening of Congress. Mr. Nelson found it necessary, however, to have the operation at this time. It was successful, and he expects to be back in the House in about ten days.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Private Secretary.
May 3, 17

My dear Mrs. James:

I am sorry to tell you something that you have perhaps already heard - that suffrage was beaten in the legislature today as we had expected by me and a great disappointment to others. I had hoped that the Legislature of which I was a member would have given a woman a right to stand, in an equal, by the side of a man and share his responsibilities.

In the past, your senator has at two different times told me that he would vote for the Prohibition Referendum. I am confident that we will have 16 votes for Prohibition. Nothing will be left undone to break this combination, your senator is not included among the 16, I have him among the doubtful, I would not consider that I had done my duty if I did not ask you to send him all the petitions is it is possible to send him before next Wednesday, for that is the day the vote will likely be taken. Send him personal letters, telegrams, send delegation to see him, for we want his vote in case one of the others should weaken. With best respects to your father, and many regards to you I am

Very sincerely,

Geo. Staudenmayer
May 7, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James,

About a month ago I wrote you asking you to appoint an advertising manager for your state for "The Suffragist". Up to the present time I have not heard from you.

The advertising is the only way we have of making the paper come anywhere near paying for itself, and there is every reason why the paper should be self-supporting, if we have the hearty cooperation of all the branches. Will you at the earliest opportunity appoint some one to take charge of this matter in your state? If you are unable to select someone, please let me know.

Awaiting your reply with the utmost solicitude, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Advertising Manager.
Croton on Hudson
R.P.
May 12

Dear Ada,

I want you to know about my baby. He's two months old, and his name is Jeffrey Fuller. I'm so glad to have a baby after all these years. Aren't you glad?

It makes me sad. For
Flora, poor girl,
After another two weeks
in the country I am going
tales to morals. Yes, there's a lot to do! I'm still Sec. of the
Am. Union Ag. Militarism and Chairman of the N.Y. Woman's
Peace Party. I fancy you are
a pacifist too.

But oh, what amazing
news from Russia.
Dark Russia really leading
it's bold! And America
wants Elinor Roedl to join
in her glad hands!

I wish Wisconsin could
become a strong, stamping
power for the C.U. as Phila..
You in London particularly strong for it, since it's the only suffrage organization that has
real equality offered its
members for men workers
without a 20 much as a
referendum.

Ale - don't ever come
to New York without looking
me up. I cherish you as one
of my real friends. I hope
you'll come soon and send
health and say hello to Jeffrey.

Hubb, et al?
Crystal Eastman

My name is the same as always in the old home,
722 Washington St., Meadville, Pa.; May 19, 1901

My dear Miss James,—Your most delightful letter of May 4th. It was read with great delight, feeling and interest with sincere appreciation. Your true feelings of sympathy have been sincerely felt since the very day on which you expressed sentiments to have been my own for a long time, and I waited to reply immediately but an unusual combination of social and public duties prevented until now. May I read from one of my remaining letters, saying that...
She was suffering from a malignant
cancer which the doctors had quelled.
She would be with us only a few
months. I hurried back for
and arrived here the 6th. I found
much changed and yet not completely
the end. I was to visit friends as far
East as Boston and return via Chicago
and the Canadian Pacific the last part of
July. I rejoiced in the accomplished
task accomplished. The Conference was
in the best of the family, but this year the
president feels my regret. When will
it end? Dear friend I pray, and
with I might see you. C. L. Watson
Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center, Wis.

Dear Miss James:

I thank you very much for your generous contribution to our Anti-Saloon League work. It is very kind in you to help us out to the extent you have, and I greatly appreciate your kind words.

I am now about to go out of this office which I have held for five years. It has been a hard fight and I have done what I could without courting any one's favor or especially fearing any one's frown, but I do feel the need of a little rest at the present time, for it has been a strenuous five years, but after a time I suppose I shall be on the firing-line somewhere.

Thanking you again, I am

Cordially,

J. S. Lean

JSL/J
Dear Miss James,

Hearings have been almost discontinued, the most of the bills being referred direct to the calendar. There are many important bills yet to be taken up on the floor and I am still attending sessions. However, I am just beginning to have some time to get my material together and begin the revising up of my report.

I want to get it into shape so that I can finish it in a few days after the session closes. The session will probably last into July and perhaps longer.

Miss James, I hope you won't misunderstand if I ask a few questions about my pay and status.

So far I have received $25.00 from the subscribers. Of course that hasn't been enough to pay my expenses and I have had to send home several times for money. My home is in Indiana. I have been wondering if it would be impossible for some of the subscribers to send me at least part of the money. Unless absolutely necessary I do not like to send home for more money. I have about $5.00 on hand.
If it is not possible to get the money now, could you give me any idea of how soon I will get it? And for how many months I will be paid? That will give me an idea of how much to send home for to tide me over, providing it is necessary for me to need for more.

I hope this will inconvenience you and I surely will appreciate the information.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
Miss Ada James,
Richland Centre,
Wis.

My dear Miss James:

We have a telegram this morning from Miss Margaret Whittemore, saying that she will be able to arrange to come to Wisconsin for organization work and I hope that you will be able to carry out your plan to have her come, as soon as possible.

Miss Whittemore's present address is Hotel Lincoln, Seattle, Washington, if you care to communicate with her direct. Her salary is $100.00 a month and travelling expenses. She is an excellent organizer and a most charming person as you probably know. I am sending you some publicity about Miss Whittemore for press work and cuts for the newspapers.

Will you let me know, as soon as possible, just when you will want Miss Whittemore to arrive? It will be best for you to telegraph us, on receipt of this, just when you wish her, so we can make our arrangements.

Miss Paul feels that it is splendid that you are able to have an organizer in Wisconsin and I think that your idea that the state work will go on much better with a strong organization, an excellent one. I am sure you will enjoy having Miss Whittemore with you.

Will you let me hear upon receipt of this, if this plan is satisfactory to you and the date that you wish Miss Whittemore to come?
Miss James,- 2.

With best wishes for your success in Wisconsin,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

GN/R.

Organization Secretary.
June 8, 1917.

Dear Co-Worker for Suffrage:

By National Chairman Hinshaw's direction, we are sending you a complimentary subscription for six months to our National Prohibition paper— the PATRIOT PHALANX— of Indianapolis, Indiana. If it does not begin coming by June 15th, please advise us.

Members of the Prohibition and Progressive parties, and prominent national leaders of the Socialist party— all of whom have been unwavering supporters of Woman Suffrage since the birth of their respective parties— are in process of bringing into being a greater, NATIONALLY VICTORIOUS, PROGRESSIVE-PROHIBITION-LIBERAL party with Equal Suffrage, National Prohibition, Government Ownership of Public Utilities, etc., as its cardinal principles.

This organization will be the nucleus for the dry, liberal, progressive elements of the dominant parties. Together we shall fight the same enemy the Women's Party must fight in order to win— the LIQUOR TRAFFIC. As YOUR party and our greater new party will be "Entente Allies" fighting the same common enemy, we ought also to unite in a still greater party.

Wherever the equal suffrage fight has been lost, it has been due to the LIQUOR POWER, for these interests know that their doom is sealed with the advent of suffrage victory for women. Suffrage cannot be won without Prohibition; Prohibition cannot be won without Suffrage. The two must fight together. Logically, the parties should UNITE.

Among the "great" things we expect to do is to conduct a terrific "DRIVE" to capture some scores of Congressmen in 1918, HOLD A GIGANTIC BALANCE OF POWER IN CONGRESS, and by that power force Congress to SUBMIT BOTH SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION AMENDMENTS to the states, and lead the fight in the states for adoption.

Think it over, talk it over with your sister leaders, and then decide to COME WITH US AND GO WITH US TO MUTUAL VICTORY.

Very sincerely,

Clarence E. Pitts
Prohibition National Headquarters Secretary.
March 10
1919

Dear Ada & Nela,

I intended writing you long before this & thanking you for your cordial invitations to visit you. I would gladly accept both of them if I am not strong enough now to go anywhere. I have caught terrible cold & had to fight bronchitis & pneumonia. I have had several severe falls. I am so weak in my back & limbs, don't go out dates without cane (crutchette) for I can't work in the house by being very careful how I walk & where I step. We are very busy do our own work with the help of a young girl after school Saturdays. Dear baby he is a great care he is too heavy, but his bound smile always makes us forget. No one can feed him but Grand ma,
I like to see the ocean waves. 

I was sent by the Captain to take the place of the Skipper who had gone on a vacation. Baby missed him so the first day he was gone, I am sorry we did not allow of Mary's graduation sooner. I wrote a greeting for her but confused so I had to rewrite it. 

Oconomowoc is a beautiful place when they finish turning the streets of a fine place to rest in when one is down. I am as I am, but you want to be alive. 

Stay in Richland Center. 

I think when your father was in the war he did not expect to raise a son for such a war as this. The war he was in was respectable beside the inhuman butcher in Europe. But I am more shocked at the kidnapping of that baby than at the war. Don't think I am pessimistic, there is not a drop of that in me. 

I am thankful all the time that I can still do as much as I do, I enjoy myself too, so many resources I have that I never knew so well. When I would like to see my old friends, I have kind neighbors & acquaintances, but my friends are those who know me best. This writing does not do any credit but coughing makes it Shaky. 

I hope when the weather is better I shall get stronger, with love to all. I am very close. Bessie has been much better the last month, we hope with good weather she may overcome her asthma. Baby is just as well. Measles are all around us, but we hope to keep him safe. Good night.
While Reading Baby & Claire are going on the porch. I hope you are happy. Was sorry for you, but as John says 'you can't always have a horse but you can 'habit' it'. So as there is nothing that own succeeds you for a first it does 'habit' to be able to rebuild, refresh, replenish. Am glad you could do it. Am also glad that Della is going to have a nice home. Home is not merely four square walls though with pictures hung in gold. Home is where affection calls filled with shrines the heart built.
June 11, 1917.

My dear State Chairman:

We are very anxious to have a correct report this month on the organization in your state. Will you kindly fill out, at your earliest convenience, the enclosed blank, giving me the full names and complete addresses of every member of your executive committee and of the congressional district chairmen? If there is any other organization completed in your state, will you give me that on another list, that is committees for counties or towns? This is very important to have this done immediately.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Organization Secretary
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Dear Miss James,

I certainly appreciate your contribution. I am afraid you are doing more than your share.

My understanding of the business part of our contract was not very clear, but I thought it was something like this.

Before I received your first letter I was given the impression that the pay would be fifty or more dollars per month. I had been attending sessions and had become much interested. When your letter came telling me of this work I was delighted, otherwise I could not have stayed here much longer.

In this letter you asked me how much I would ask for doing this work. I replied that I was not in a position to know what they could afford, but would naturally appreciate receiving all that they could afford. That is the way I remember my reply.

In your next letter you said $30.00 had been subscribed and you hoped to get more. This was less than I expected, but I was so anxious to do the work that I was willing to accept that. Later, eight more names were sent to me, so I decided there were 38 sub-
members and that each was to pay $1.00 per
month. However, Mr. Rockwell informed
me that his understanding was that each
was to pay $1.00 per month. Do you see? I have been told
what uncertain as to what I would receive.
I certainly don't want to cause you any
necessary trouble or worry. I have and am
enjoying the work. I have no intentions of
being unreasonable. I will be very grateful
for whatever I receive.

I have the names of those you sent
some time ago—contributing $10.00. Mrs.
Laphy gave me $2.00. Mrs. Kahlberg
gave me a check for $3.00 but has
never given me the names of the ones
who paid this. Mrs. Knowlton has since
given me $3.00 and I feel sure she has
paid all that she owes. That makes $25.00
which I have received.

I have been wondering if the plan I
am following will meet your approval.
I find that the report is going to be quite
extensive. If it is inconvenient for you
to come here more than once I should like
to have you come when I send you word
that the report is finished. We can then
go over it together and strike out what
you think unnecessary.
I have written out in brief form the provisions of the important bills giving members of the House. I think every one would be interested in a detailed account of 1038 + 57A as are writing those up in that way.

There are several bills which I want to call special attention to, which show clearly whether members are working for the interest of the people at large or for their districts.

Some members have made extra effort along certain progressive lines, or otherwise, which I feel should be mentioned. I also thought of dividing the members into various groups and show what each faction has favored and what it opposed and what was accomplished.

Besides this I have a list of the members and the names showing by member the bills which they have favored or opposed.

Much interesting material which is not of vital importance I shall have to exclude. I will try to use good judgment in choosing what is vital and make the report as brief and concise as possible.

Very sincerely,

Bertha M. Roll.
Feel free to use this letter in explaining to
subscribers what I am doing, if you care to
do so.

To Mr. D.
June 13, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center, Wis.

My dear Miss James:

Miss Margaret Whittemore has wired us that she will be able to go to Wisconsin the 1st of July. Is this satisfactory to you and how long will you want her to stay?

I am holding the publicity about Miss Whittemore until I hear from you. Will you write me by return mail as I am anxious to complete the arrangements?

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Organization Secretary.
National Woman's Party

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June 14, 1917.

Miss Ada James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

Dear Miss James:

Please do not relax your efforts upon every member of the House Judiciary Committee to secure a speedy report of the Susan B. Anthony amendment this session, as urged in my former letters. Please continue your efforts to secure the quick and favorable report from the Senate Woman Suffrage Committee which has been promised by that committee.

The action of the House Rules Committee on June 6 was simply to vote for a favorable report by a vote of 6 to 5 on the Raker Resolution providing for the creation of a Woman Suffrage Committee. The favorable report was adopted with the proviso that the Raker Resolution should not be reported to the House for action until all the pending war legislation is disposed of. This will postpone even the adoption of the Raker Resolution providing for the mere creation of the Woman Suffrage Committee till the end of the present session. The amendment remains before the Judiciary Committee until the woman suffrage committee is created and appointed.

If large groups of women throughout the country will continue concentrated effort to secure a report from the Judiciary Committee this session, both
Miss James, #2

by work upon members of that Committee and by pressure on the party leaders beginning with the President as suggested in my letter written you the middle of May immediately following the Judiciary Committee hearings, the proposed woman suffrage committee may never have the opportunity of considering our amendment.

Until the situation changes please continue your efforts to secure immediate action from the Judiciary Committee, and upon party leaders.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Legislative Committee.

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GRACE NEEDHAM,
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WE CAN SEND YOU ORGANIZER AS YOU REQUEST JULY FIFTEENTH WILL YOU PLEASE WIRE ME HOW LONG YOU WILL WANT HER TO STAY DEFINITELY AND THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY WANT HER ON THAT DATE SO OUR ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED SOON SHALL APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY, THANKS

GRACE NEEDHAM.

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ADA L. JAMES, 383 HAZELTINE ST. L
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THE SECOND CONFERENCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND TERMS OF PEACE WILL BE
CHICAGO JULY 7 TH AND 8 TH IMPERATIVE THAT MIDWEST MAKE STRONG
SHOWING PEOPLES COUNCIL MUST BE MADE NATION WIDE IN SCOPE FOR
GREATEST EFFECTIVENESS CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR PRESENCE AND COOPERATION
BLVD.
IN YOUR DISTRICT WIRE REPLY 504 LAKE VIEW CHICAGO.

ELIZABETH REEMAN,
FOR THE COMMITTEE.
7:35 PM.
Dear Madame:

I am very sorry not to be able to help, in some way, the cause of Suffrage. But as I am just recovering from a long illness without much strength I shall have to be excused for the present.

Most Sincerely,

Clara Mears.
Dear Miss James,

I had intended to write you for some time but as usual I have driven and any thing that can be put off is.

The foregoing people have paid and I turned the money over to Miss Roll.

Mrs. O' Shea 3.00

(C. B.) Jesse Chappell 2.00

Barrett 1.00

Anderson 3.00

McCarthy 3.00

Baker (in.) 1.00

Nallenberg 3.00

Total $16.00

Mrs. C. E. K. teller sent $16.00 payable to the Suffrage Aid. I will send it to Miss James and ask her to endorse it. I do not think that Mr. Baker intended to give more than the $16.00 as she subscribed late and
said she would not send any at the present but would pay us as to receive them next month.
Ms. Justus intends to send me her check and I have just left my number for her to call me up. I will also write Miss J.B. Johnson as I am sure she did not send it to you.

Let me know if I can be of further use. I have been very much satisfied with Miss Rell's work.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Have just seen Mrs. Justus, gave me her check. Also wrote Miss Johnson--she said she did not expect to pay but the $41.50, spoke to Miss Rell's care, and she will probably come in tomorrow.

[Signature]
98 High St. Asheville
June 26, 1917

My dear Miss. Frink, C. D.

I am thankful for your letter which came this morning. I am doing nothing for suffrage in this local or State. The local is being managed entirely by Mrs. Stephen Bed ford, J. P. with Mrs. Hopk as lecturer. I am to be alone July 1st and thought I might hold meetings around through our County. That would be going it alone, but now this will give you ask for that came up and this gives me a substantial backing. I will write the women whose names you gave me and show the itininary and details for meetings and want to you do my wish prompting. You expect her to work in
this district two days and be responsible for her expenses and the proportion of her salary for that time—don’t you? There are all counties in this district, the 6th and I know nothing of the post done here except Winchester.

Is it the intention of forming organizations where we shall meet and if so what places have the “Party” for keeping the organizations alive? Now I want to ask if we make more than our proportion of the salary and the expenses will it be understood that I am to have the balance for my expenses and for my time, unless of course should the money we raise not out of all sources.

I have given so much time to Suffrage—My best efforts. But my purse is fairly depleted. There we must just have to do. I hope it will be all right for me to ask you—unto the nearest June from South Lawn.
S. New York Wednesday P.M.

Dear Miss James,

I shall be very glad to help you in any service to you personally. I am not a member of the Women's Suffrage Association.
for two good reasons. The marriage of the
Sitar is Mr. Chas. Bowman
He runs an evening show
only, so I think you could
become the base of the theatre
for an afternoon. I'll ask
him or go with you. If
you wish me to
Very truly yours

Anna Mason
Oliver S.,

Washington, D.C.

Do not think I can get any better for you.

P.S. New York.
My dear Miss James:

Miss Paul has asked me to get in touch with as many Wisconsin women as I can; I persuade them to come down to the convention here in June.

As you are State Chairman of Wisconsin, I think the way I can do the most good would be to co-operate with you, if that is satisfactory to you.

Will you write and tell me what has been done and what is being done, and what will be the best thing for me to do.

As I lived for many years
in Madison I have a large number of acquaintances to whom I can make a personal appeal. What would you suggest my doing throughout the rest of the state?

It may be that you have already organized your campaign to get women to attend the convention, as well as join the Union. In that case, please call upon me to do anything which there is to do.


Mrs. H. B. Fairchild.
947 Margate Terrace.
Chicago, Illinois.