

# Wisconsin Woman's Suffrage Association

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Milwaukee, Nov. 12, 1912.

To

Miss Ada L. James, and  
Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict,  
For the Political Equality League:—

The Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association having under consideration the letter dated Nov. 7th, and signed by you suggesting that the Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association and the Political Equality League merge into one State organization under a new name " on condition that neither Mrs. Brown, nor Miss Willis, nor Miss James, nor Mrs. Benedict, shall be officers" respectfully reply:—

The Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association was organized in 1882, and secured its seal and chartered as an incorporated institution in 1887. The name is known over the State and among suffrage workers the world over; its history under the leadership of such distinguished women as Dr. Laura Ross Wolcott, Mrs. Emma C. Bascom, and the Rev. Olympia Brown, is a part of the history of the State and of the woman movement. The proposition, therefore, to change the name in such a way as to lose the identity or continuity of the Association cannot be entertained.

Since we know that many of the suffrage workers regret a division of forces, and have hoped that in the work before us we might present a solid front, and

Since the Political Equality League includes many who were formerly members of the Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association and who under its banner helped to create and crystalize the sentiment which made the recent campaign possible,

We, therefore, in annual meeting assembled hereby express the desire that a union of all suffrage forces in Wisconsin may be brought about.

We answer the proposition with regard to the name; we have elected officers looking to the end suggested; and we now invite you to unite with us, or to appoint a committee for further conference.

Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association.

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

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