

Union Center Wis.

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My Dear Miss James - Received your letter in regard to holding convention in Madison but was prevented by sickness from writing so you would receive it before the 15th. There is no organization here anyway and no one interested in Equal Suffrage except myself and husband so thought I would write and see if you had decided to hold the convention and if so would try and go if possible at that time. Personally I think it would be advisable to introduce a bill in the Legislature this winter

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and if possible submit it to vote
this spring. The trouble is the
voters do not turn out. There are
about four hundred voters in this
township who vote here and there
were only one hundred and sixty
five votes cast this fall. Mr Barge
took their pink cards which were
sent to me and tried to get them
to vote in favor of the amendment
but soon found it was doing more
harm than good as many who
would not have voted on it either
way voted against it when their
attention was called to it so he
decided it was better to say noth-
ing. A large majority of those who
did turn out to vote were Catholics
and they were every one against it.
There was very little work done
in this county or in this vicinity.
We went to the Hillsboro fair to hear

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the speaker who was advertised to
 be there but she did not come
 that day and it was impossible for
 me to go the next as I was obliged
 to attend a board meeting at ~~Worcester~~
~~the use~~ of a society of which I am
 president. Then I went to Elroy where
 they had their fair but again the
 speaker failed to come. I don't know
 whether she came the next day or
 not as it was very bad weather and
 I did not care to go up twice in the
 rain. Am sorry that I cannot do
 more to help the cause along but
 it is impossible in a small place
 like this and especially where the
 women are all opposed to it. I think
 that is our great trouble in this
 state is the opposition of the women.
 Will inclose stamp and if it is pos-
 sible for you to reply would like to
 hear from you. I know there are ~~are~~
 great many demands upon your time.

Yours for success next time. Leora Barge.