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My dear Ada:

Your letter came last night and I immediately sent the notices to the Milwaukee and Madison papers. Have not seen any of them yet. The letter from Mrs. Hoyt came today, forwarded from Milwaukee, where it went first. In it she said that they had quoted from a speech, made by Mrs. Benedict in New York. If they quoted ^{her} they did not indicate in any way that they did, nor did they give the date. I think they plainly meant to misrepresent things and I believe we can show it. However they may try to make trouble about it for the fight isn't over yet, as they surely know. That's one thing that I am glad about, that they can't fold their hands and think the battle won, but have to hustle around again to be defeated the next time probably and they must know it. I wish we had an exact copy of Crystals speech. I wonder where we could get it.

Any time you come to Madison, you will be doubly and triply welcome. Mother would love to have you come because she has heard so much about you and for some strange reason thinks you must be nice.

Do I have to pay Mr. ~~Amman~~ Randolph at once? If so I can't for we have after all our trouble to prevent it, a troublesome deficit. Our bills up to date are \$274.16 and the amount owed to us is \$174.31. The National can wait to be paid but it makes \$196.81 which must be paid before the end of the month. and if the county leagues do not pay up their debts to us, it will be a great nuisance to say the least. However you needn't bother about this because I am putting it up to the advisory council to raise enough money to pay the indebtedness. However if we can wait to pay Mr. Randolph or if Richland Center could pay him, (was it the Richland Center speech that we owe him for), it would take one care off my mind. When we meet to re-organize, we can probably raise enough money to pay Mr. Youmans, the National and Mr. Randolph. I haven't heard anything about the New York parade so far have you? I had a letter from Crystal which she wrote on the way to New York. There are a number of ~~xx~~ things to attend to so I mustn't write more as much as I feel tempted to do so.

Much much love, *Alva*

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- Miss Zona Gale, Portage - *Not as much of a speaker -*
- Miss Essie Williams, Hudson - *young lawyer, good speaker*
- Miss Edna Wright - *union work -*
- Mrs. R. M. LaFollette, Wyoming Ave. Washington D.C. *Sans-serif & not politician in State - When she is not in Washington easily available -*
- Miss Fela LaFollette, *might be very nice but of the character of LaFollette*
- Mrs. Henry Johnson, Superior - *Did excellent & practical work - campaigned with her husband -*
- Mrs. B. C. Gudden, 25 Mt. Vernon St., Oshkosh - *Witty Very good.*
- Mrs. Henry M. Youmans, Waukesha, *Very good*
- Mrs. Chas. Morris, Berlin, *Very good*
- Mrs. Rex McCreery, Green Bay - *Bright, witty, clear speaker -*
- Dr. Jean M. Cooke, Darlington, - *A host with good intonation -*
- Mrs. Crystal E. Benedict, -
- Miss Alice Curtis -
- Mrs. Porter - *Well known speaker at Farmers Institute.*
- Mrs. James Sheridan, Waterloo - *Musician*
- Miss Bertha Henderson, Whitewater, *normal teacher & speaker -*
- Mrs. Mary D. Bradford, Kenosha - *Supt. of Schools - very good -*
- Mrs. Edward S. Jordan, Kenosha, - *Clear & Enthusiastic*
- Mrs. George W. Peckham, 645 Marshall St. Milwaukee, *she might speak on Reading Rooms & their uses. I hope you can get her to give an illustrated talk on Window Decorating - She is a genius - for 3 or 4 months she kept up a window display - that attracted crowds in Milwaukee -*

I shall not be president next year, but of course we shall be only too happy to circularize our clubs.

I suppose the best way of reaching the women of our state would be to send you a list of all the local chairmen. But it will take some time to copy these, how soon would you like them?

We shall hold a state convention of all suffrage societies in Madison January 22, and 23, would it not be a good plan to have some one speak on the Conference and hand out folders? It might be well if you could come up.

With love and the best of wishes for the New Year