

"Just Like a Letter from Home"



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Dear Miss James.

I think I should warn you that it becomes increasingly uncertain that I shall be able to attend the Madison meeting at all. My broth-in-law Mr Haight, who is also one of my dearest friends, is very sick of heart trouble. He may live a few weeks or months or he may slip away any minute. If he is in condition so that it seems right for me to leave I will come to Madison, because it seems my duty to do so. But it is all very uncertain and will be up to the last minute. Don't depend upon me for much of a speech. I cannot collect my thoughts for this sort of thing. More definite and important things than even woman suffrage, which I find very important indeed, are clutching at me these days.

I am sure by your letter you think the suffrage matter must be pushed in this legislature. This lets me out as a possibility in the presidential line --and that is really best. I don't believe however that it is best to approach the legislature now, though I always have the highest respect for your opinion. I hate to write such gloomy letters--please believe that.

Affectionately

