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Monday.

Dear Ada -

We read your letter with a great deal of interest. I hope it will be possible for me to come up in January, and I shall certainly do it if I am feeling well enough.

I am afraid I think Miss Stearns is not a very sincere suffragist when she advocates not bringing up the bill at this session. She must realize that the women will be held together better. Tomorrow the legislature is much more likely to be in favor right now because La Follette still has quite a hold there. ~~The~~ As to the name - that must be left absolutely to the will of the delegates.

One central organization, with branches
in a good arrangement, I wonder if this
is a large enough industrial state to
admit of a branch for those particular women,
you know better about that with your experience
in Milwaukee.

I don't believe you can get along without
paid workers. It doesn't come very well from
Miss Stearns to suggest voluntary help, considering
what she did not give in this campaign. (This
is confidential) I should not try to do much
with her for I don't believe she will do anything
but hinder.

By the way, Ada, have you that article
in the brewers periodical? We haven't been
able to get hold of it here. I wish you
could lend it to us long enough to
read.

The longer I am associated with
Dr. Cooke, the more I am impressed with
his great ability and capacity for accomplishing
things. Has it never occurred to you that
she would make a No. 1 President for
the Suffrage Association? I have been on the
point of suggesting her name several times
but hesitated.

She hasn't the wide acquaintance of club
women in the state that Mrs. Yeoman
has - for instance. On the other hand, she
has the benefit of living in the same
house as Judge Arton who is a good old

politician and deeply interested
in seeing suffrage carry. He has
a large acquaintance through the
state, and is up to all political
dodges. She is an excellent worker -
knows what to do and when to
do them. The fact that this
county - the majority Irish Catholic -
want for suffrage speaks for her
for she did all of the planning.

She would be able to devote a
good deal of time to this. You
see she does not do general practice -
just special eye & throat work,
mainly at the office, and I think
she could manage to devote a good
deal of time. Personally I think an
executive officer should receive
some compensation, but that is simply
my own opinion.

I now do not know that she

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would consider it. But I do know she is tremendously interested in the movement and I rather think she would take it. I know you couldn't find a better worker in the state or one with a better head or more tact. Think it over for awhile and see how you feel.

There is another reason I think her name is a good suggestion. Perhaps Mrs. Brown & the rest of her group would not find any particular objection to Dr. Coole as she has not been prominent in a conspicuous way at all in either society. The fact that Mrs. Yeomans was on your board, might make some difference. As to that, however, I don't know that it will ever be possible to really pacify them anyway.

Do you know if Dr. Parkinson
voted in favor of suffrage at the time
the bill passed? Judge Otton asked me about
him tonight and I couldn't say. My list
was at home.

This is really a pretty long letter
for me so let stop now.
I want to write to Mrs. Gudden
sometimes this week. Poor dear, I feel so sorry
for her.

Remember me kindly to all the family.
With much love to yourself
Hainett.

P.S. Sam invited to go to Pennsylvania
as soon as Sam better, to take the position
of Executive Secretary or I can go to
N. Dakota. Also an offer from New Jersey,
I may consider Penn - Sam not sure.
Don't say anything about it. Just thought
you might be interested. H.