



## Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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January 16, 1919

Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co.,  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

When I sent in our check on Jan. 10th for \$9.20, I meant to write a letter of protest - which unfortunately was not enclosed at that time.

We have positively the poorest "service" on our telephone, Nic. 6270, that any one could imagine. I have reported this condition of affairs to the chief operator, to the supervisor and have taken it up with the assistant manager (I believe) at headquarters - and nothing has been done to relieve the situation.

A number of the members of our organization use this phone, from time to time, and we have been told again and again that we have the poorest service in the city; and I have been asked again and again whether there was not something to be done about it. Not only it is practically impossible to get central, but if we get the wrong number, as happens too often, we cannot call central back to make the correction. If we try to get two numbers in succession, that is practically impossible. We seem to be connected with the first number long after we have hung up the receiver.

Will you please see that something is done to remedy this situation?

Yours truly,

Business Secretary

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all has been done here that  
can be done in getting signed.  
But we have a few more  
resolutions that will be sent  
to you soon.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. W. H. Deen  
Chm. Local Suffrage Committee

Minnesota. Minn., Jan 16-1919  
Mrs. Andreas Meland  
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Mrs. Meland:-

In reply to a  
recent letter from you will say that  
I have personally interviewed Rep. J. B.  
Kislason and he is in sympathy with  
your view of Suffrage work in Minnesota.  
I see by the Minneapolis that Mrs. F.  
a Kingsley is at the of those who  
are trying to have the new Suffrage  
Bill passed. Mrs. Kingsley was for a  
number of years a resident of Lyon  
Co. First here in Minnesota, where  
J. B. Kislason resides and later

moved to Marshall, the home of Senator <sup>[2]</sup> Hall - and we know her for a woman who is very radical, and not of very sound judgement nor very practical ideas, so I feel certain that neither our Senator nor representative will vote for the Bill she is trying to get through. We had considerable experience with her - both here and at Marshall and have not altogether forgotten Mrs. Kingsley nor her way of doing things. This matter has been discussed at clubs and other places where women have met there recently and I have found that every woman who has an opinion at all takes your view of this question -

Some time ago I had a letter asking me to try to get more voters to sign our suffrage petition. I think we already have a majority based on the election returns of last fall. We have some forty or fifty voters still in the Army - and almost a dozen died during the influenza epidemic. Consequently I feel that

Total 91 list  
52 m

9th  
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Granada, Minn.,

Jan 18, 1919

Mrs Rene E. H. Stevens,

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Suffragist. Worker,

Enclosed are a few more names. I would liked to have secured more but it seemed impossible. None of the Granada ladies were willing to do much. Two of them secured a few names. Our chairman is attending the University and the vice chairman moved away. I am five miles out in the country and I have so much home work to do.

If it is possible for me to secure some more names I will. I am deeply interested in the woman's suffrage work and hope for a speedy passage of this amendment.

Yours in the work,  
Irene Benton.

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*Mrs. Geo. Mounie*

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

BROWERVILLE BRANCH

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Browerville, Minn.,

Jan 16 - 1919 -

Mrs Rena Stevens

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Mrs. Stevens.

I am sorry not to be able to fill

my contract with you at this time.

Shortly after your call, I was taken with an attack of "Rheumatism" which has kept me confined to the house almost all of the time since.

I had the Leaflets &c. distributed as you had suggested. I asked Mrs. Bemis & Mrs. Mounie to assist me in the work, as they are my coworkers in the R.C. work but both had an excuse. So I think as a "Politician" I am a decided failure. Our town is composed of foreign born people almost entirely & they are opposed to women voting as a rule. or being independent in any way really.

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BROWERVILLE BRANCH



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Browerville, Minn.,

so to be successful along those lines here, they would have to be educated some what. have speakers & lectures &c to convince them that the women did not want to fill all the public offices of the Government, including the Presidency.

Really I am discouraged & disgusted: why is it that people can not see things as they are.

Am sorry not to be able to help you.

Very Respy

Mrs. J. F. Bassett.

January 17, 1919

Mrs. J. F. Bassett,  
Browerville  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Bassett:--

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 16th and while I deeply regret your ill health, and consequent failure of the work, I have to confess that your letter in its accurate analysis of the situation in your town made me laugh, so I had at least a little enjoyment out of it any way.

Now, I am going to add that every day the U. S. Senate delays passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment gives us just that much more time for our petition work. So if you find yourself able to be about, it would be very gratifying to us if you would make one more try with Mrs. Bemis and Mrs. Monnie and see if really the signatures of the leasing Americans of your town cannot be got any way.

Thanking you for your interest and still hoping that some effective work can be accomplished in Browerville,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

P.S. It might interest the women in your town to know that Clarissa, Eagle Bend and Bertha have sent in splendid petitions.

January 17, 1919

Miss Elmira Conway,  
Waseca  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Conway:--

Mrs. Davidson writes that she has asked your assistance in the drive for signatures to the suffrage petitions and that she has supplied you with petitions and leaflets.

We had supposed that the time for our work along this line would have expired by now, but as our activities depend entirely upon the action of the United States Senate, and it has not yet acted, we must go on. However, we feel confident that the Federal Amendment will pass the Senate by the first of February, and so we are making every effort to get the required quota of names in from all over the state by that date.

We are writing this to urge you to do everything you can to complete the assignments that Mrs. Davidson gave you. This is all the more important since two of the representatives from your district are known to be favorable to our movement.

We were so pleased to learn that you are co-operating with Mrs. Davidson in this work and are confidently counting on splendid returns in consequence.

Sincerely yours,

State President

January 17, 1919

Mrs. H. J. Leigh,  
Lakefield  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Leigh:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 14th and the material you requested went under separate cover yesterday.

I remember the wonderful capacity you have for hustling when you get started. I will never forget how you got out hand bills that bitter cold afternoon for my meeting in the evening.

If you get three or four women to help you, one afternoon of such work would bring in your complete quota of men's and women's names for Lakefield without doubt.

Thanking you for your deep interest and confidently expecting your complete petitions not later than February 1st,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 17, 1919

Mrs. Ed. Brown,  
Fairfax,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Brown:

We have just learned through Miss Hopkins' father that she has been in Washington, D.C., sometime and that her return is indefinite, and so we are writing to you to ask if you will not take up the work Miss Randall presented to you when she was in your town and do everything possible that can be done by the 1st of February. The situation is urgent and the time is short so we are mailing you under separate cover today the petitions and leaflets on the assumption that you will take this matter up, and if you cannot do anything personally get some one who will.

We are enclosing the letter sent to Miss Hopkins which goes more fully into explaining and also gives you the number of names of men and women required.

The sentiment in your community seems to be good and getting the names is merely a matter of presenting the petitions and asking for the signatures. If you can get a group of women to act together the work could be accomplished I would say in one afternoon. It is more difficult to get the signatures of men than it is women, not because they are less willing to sign but because they are busy and more difficult to get in touch with, so it is necessary to visit their places of business.

Thanking you for your interest and trusting you will be able to carry this work to completion,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

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January 17, 1919

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Thanking you for your interest and trusting you will be able to carry this work to completion,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)

Rene E. H. Stevens  
State Organizer

Centerville Minn  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Mrs Andreas Ueland  
403 Essex Bldg.  
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Mrs Ueland,

Herewith please find Centerville  
suffrage petitions - fifty signatures  
of women and an equal number  
of men. Our quota was thirty five  
of each. Regret we were compelled  
to postpone our work on account  
of the influenza epidemic but  
trust you will receive these petitions  
in time.

Sincerely

Mrs Alfred P. Stalberg.

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Woman Suffrage Association Sanborn Minn  
Jan 17-19

Dear Mrs President

I am very sorry to state that I have been sick and the weather has been very disagreeable. so it was not safe for me to go out. I did try and get some others to get signers but as I wrote you before every body was so busy at home so they could not go. I am 68 years old and all alone my only son is in France. So I have no one to take care of me if I get sick so you will have to excuse me for not going out this rough weather. Besides I don't think there would be very many sign for I did go to every house and business place here. not only once but two and three times Hoping Woman Suffrage

will come out alright. For we are  
right. And right always wins in the  
end.

I remain yours faithfully

Mrs Anna Ladd

Nº 75-963

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VERDI, MINN.

12<sup>th</sup>  
January 17-1919

Mrs. Andreas Ueland.  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Dear Madam,

I am inclosing petition signed by forty six women and forty ~~two~~ men. I am very sorry not to have been able to have gotten the full quota but, as I wrote you before, this is a german community and practically every one of them refused to sign it. - Very truly yours,

Florence E. W. Miller.

Rome, Minn.

Jan. 17-1919

Dear Mrs E. H. Stevens:—

I received your letter in regard to Otoman's Suffrage. I was not at home the time they put me on this committee and as I did not care to take up the work therefore I have not did any. This town is very small and some committee from the towns near by could take this up also. Hoping this is satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,  
Mrs George Dixon.

January 18, 1919.

Miss Fern Root,  
New Richland,  
Minnesota.

My dear Miss Root:

Mrs. Davidson writes that she has asked your assistance in the drive for signatures to the suffrage petition and that she has supplied you with petitions and leaflets.

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We were so pleased to learn that you are co-operating with Mrs. Davidson in this work and are confidently counting on splendid returns in consequence.

Sincerely yours,

President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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January 18, 1919

Mrs. Nicholas Russell,  
Hamel,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Russell:-

We are in receipt of your letter of January 13th suggesting that we try some one else in your town to do the suffrage petition work. Won't you talk the matter over with some of your more prominent women and suggest to us the names of those who would be willing to take part in this work?

Hennepin County as a whole is very strong in suffrage sentiment and it is a great pity to have Hamel lag behind on a progressive movement like this.

Thanking you for your interest and trusting that you will make this one further effort to promote the work,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 18, 1919

Mrs. H. M. Vagstad,  
Ormsby,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Vagstad:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of January 13th and as explained in my letter of the 9th, we do think it is very much well worth while to do everything that can be done in the petition work at the present time.

If reporting by the 20th seems to give you too little time, report as soon thereafter as you find it consistent to do so. We think the petitions would be very useful to us even as late as the 30th, but if you could get them in earlier so much the better.

Thanking you so much for your interest and willingness to go on with the work,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

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Mrs. Earl Byrne,  
New Richland,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Byrne:

Mrs. Davidson writes that she has asked your assistance in the drive for signatures to the suffrage petitions and that she has supplied you with petitions and leaflets.

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State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 18, 1919

Miss Eliza Batson,  
Little Falls,  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Batson:-

I am sorry to learn that the influenza is so bad in your community, but greatly gratified that the women are still anxious to go on with the petition work as soon as health conditions permit.

I am going to depend upon you to bear this matter in mind and call the attention of your members on the committee to it when you think advisable to begin the circulating of the petitions.

Thanking you for your interest and continued co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 18, 1919.

Miss Margaret B. Burns,  
Waseca,  
Minnesota.

My dear Miss Burns:

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Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

21st  
January 18, 1919

Mrs. H. P. Marx,  
Shakopee  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Marx:-

We are in receipt of your letter of January 11th and are indeed sorry that you feel that you must resign from your chairmanship.

You have done such excellent work that we hardly see how we can spare you. We think we will give you a little vacation instead and perhaps, after resting a while and forgetting the matter, you will feel like taking the work up again. We are hoping strongly that we shall not have to do petition work after the 1st of February. The moment the United States Senate passes the Federal Amendment, we think we shall be able to discontinue circulating the petitions.

We thank you very deeply for all the effort you have put into this and hope that you will continue one of our co-workers.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President

21<sup>st</sup>  
January 18, 1919

Mrs. F. H. Peterson,  
Watertown,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peterson:-

In accordance with Mrs. Stevens' telephone message, I am sending you under separate cover supplies for the petition work, and hope you will be successful in securing signatures.

Yours very truly

Business Sec'y.

56<sup>th</sup>  
January 18, 1919

Mrs. Charles Peterson,  
Beroun,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Peterson:-

We learn through the return of the enclosed letter to Mrs. Frank Harejz of her removal from your city. The letter explains itself and I am forwarding it to you with the request and the hope that you will take this work up and carry it on, making a report of results not later than February 1st.

Under separate cover we are forwarding material and petitions.

With very genuine appreciation of all that you can do to help the cause,

Cordially yours,

State Organizer

January 18, 1919.

Miss Esther Gehring,  
Waseca,  
Minnesota.

My dear Miss Gehring:

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State President

(Mes. Andreas Ueland)

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January 18, 1919

Mrs. C. M. Graves,  
Crockston,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Graves:-

We are in receipt of your splendid petition and think you are doing fine work. You now have a total of 371 women and 239 men.

As long as the United States Senate does not act, we must continue piling up names, and of course, the more time we have for this work the more important it is that we show adequate results. Where complete quotas have not yet been attained, we are asking the women now to go on until the 1st of February.

If the United States Senate has not passed our amendment by that time it probably will go over to the 66th Congress, and we will have to go on working indefinitely. Of course, we hate to think of such a thing and are laying great stress on creating sentiment throughout the country that will compell action in the U.S. Senate. So we come back to you with the plea to go on with the work as consecratedly as you can until the 1st of February, While we all pray that the necessity for continuing will by that be removed.

How did you come out with your suffrage talk at the Current Topics Club? I hope you put a lot of ginger into the women who thought this was not very important, and I feel sure you did.

We deep appreciation of your past and strong faith in your future efforts,

Very sincerely yours,

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January 18, 1919

Mrs. I. W. Mahoney,  
Jackson,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Mahoney:

We are just in receipt of a letter from Miss Donaldson who tells us that many circumstances render it quite impossible for her to push the petition work. It occurs to us that if Miss Donaldson had the strong support of some one like yourself, that together you could draw a force of women from the various clubs and societies in Jackson that could go out and in one day definitely secure the quota of signatures required from your town.

The suffrage sentiment in general throughout the 10th district is good and it is a field from which we could draw a strong support so far as the petitions are concerned.

Getting signatures is almost purely a matter of presenting petitions and asking for them. Whenever the United States Senate passes the Susan B. Anthony Amendment we should have our complete strength in petitions to present at once to our legislature. It is possible that we may have longer time for the work, although we feel now that we ought to have these petitions all in by the 1st of February, making this special appeal to you to use your influence and co-operation to get the complete returns from Jackson by the date mentioned.

Thanking you for past assistance and confidently counting upon your further co-operation to the end that Jackson's petition work may go over the top,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

Verndale Jan 18th  
[1919]

Miss A. Ireland.

My dear Mrs Ireland.

Your letter received.

I wrote Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Guinn and  
two others some time ago. and  
received a reply from Mr M<sup>c</sup>Guinn  
which I enclosed in my last list  
of names of voters. Yours Mrs. Hastings

Warrior, Missour  
January 18, 1919.

Mrs. Andreas Meland,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Meland:-

I have  
done the best I can do in  
the way of a petition at pres-  
ent, and sincerely hope  
you may consider it  
better than nothing.

A house to house cam-  
paign did not seem advis-  
able or possible, notwith-  
standing the beautiful  
weather, on account  
of another <sup>outbreak</sup> of influenza,  
besides a couple of cases  
of small-pox.

I am becoming quite impatient with the inconsistencies committed in trying to control the epidemic, as well as, the terror displayed by otherwise seemingly sensible people. However, under existing conditions, I see no remedy at present.

The names I am enclosing are representatives, and the societies represented would aggregate in membership, at least, 250 persons.

If resolutions from the same societies would be of any benefit sometime next month, I think they could be obtained.

Since our Legislature ratified the prohibition amendment with so little opposition, comparatively, my hopes for the suffrage amendment have increased, and I trust they may be justified.

Very sincerely yours,  
Ella F. Spooner.

(Mrs. L. C. Spooner)

State of Minnesota  
Executive Department  
St. Paul

J. A. A. BURNQUIST, GOVERNOR

January 18, 1919.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,  
403 Essex Building,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:

I have your very kind letter of January tenth and keenly appreciate your reference to the message to the Legislature.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. A. Burnquist.*

Bertha Winn

Jan. 18-1919

Womans Suffrage Association.

Kind enclosed petitions.

I am sorry that the two that  
Rebecca Kilbourn presented  
is rather mixed up, owing  
to a misunderstanding.

Whether it makes any difference  
I don't know. You will see  
that she carried a petition  
from Bertha and has signatures  
from Kinsdale and Hewitt,  
which is near this place.

The township line of Stowe  
Prairie in which Hewitt is  
situated is only two miles  
north of the village of Bertha

And as long as they are legal [2]  
voters and willing signers, and  
is for State work I can't see  
why it is not all right.

You may decide that before present-  
ing it.

There were very few that refused  
to sign the petitions. And owing  
to the Influenza epidemic we  
could have gotten more.

Hoping that these few names may  
be the means of helping get the  
Vote for Women.

I have been a widow several years  
with a family to raise, and  
I know what it means to be  
deprived of a citizen's rights.

This and the Liquor question has  
been my hobby for a long time.

My son came from the P.O. with a  
daily yesterday and said he the

kind lines mother;  
Nation is voted dry.

I rejoiced because I know  
that many mothers were made  
glad. That had no voice  
in putting down such an  
evil in the land;

Besides many others that  
are to influence their children  
for evil.

Hoping again that we may  
win out is my prayer.

Respectfully yours  
Mrs. Anna Lewis

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*Jan. 19, 1919*

I wrote you recently explaining why our association agreed with the National Association that it is a mistake in Minnesota to try for a state constitutional amendment. The failure of the dry amendment has proved that neither money nor organization suffices to obtain a constitutional amendment in Minnesota where amending the constitution has been made almost if not quite impossible.

Nevertheless Mr. C. H. Warner of Aitkin Co., has introduced a bill in the House asking for a state amendment. If this bill passes the House it will be necessary to call upon you and the women of your district for about \$1,000, and for you to organize at once for two year's hard work throughout your district, with small hope that in the end the amendment can pass.

Does it not appear to you, therefore, that we must make it very plain to our Legislature that the women of Minnesota do not want the state campaign? First, write to your representatives,

House of Representatives, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn., to say that it is the request of suffragists in their district that the legislature shall not pass this amendment but shall ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment when it comes up for ratification, which it is almost sure to do sometime this winter.

We have explained to all the representatives that the above is the policy of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association, but there are five women who have banded themselves together into an organization

Waseca, Minn.,

1-19-19.

Dear Mrs Davidson,

I am sorry that I did not get the enclosed lists completed. The Influenza, interfered with the work at first.

A few of the names on the list I entered myself as I did not always have the paper with me. I should not think that would make any difference as I was given the privilege to do so.

Hoping you will be successful in your efforts, I am

Very respectfully yours  
Rose Gorman.

Probate Court  
Yellow Medicine County  
Granite Falls, Minn.  
.....

Chas. F. Hall, Judge.

Granite Falls, Minn.  
Jan. 12-1919.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Mrs. Winter forwarded to me a letter from you requesting an additional number of signers on the suffrage petition. I inclose herewith the petitions with the required names.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Charles F. Hall.

Jan. 20, 1919

Mrs. A. Ueland,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Your letter under date of Jan. 20 awaited me here after a fortnight's absence from home, which will help you to understand my seeming negligence.

I have written letters to-day, and they are already posted to Reps. Hompe, Moen and Putnam. I have not written to Mr. Adams.

Before these men left for St. Paul, a few days after your former letter came, I saw them personally and asked them to support the ratification of the federal amendment, and they all assured me of their intentions to do so. There is no doubt in my mind but the three can be relied on.

I believe Mr. Adams could be influenced by you in the right direction. Mrs. Adams is at the St. Paul hotel this winter, and might be of some assistance.

I dislike to admit a failure in the matter of securing more signatures of voters to the petition, but I fear I am forced to it. I cannot get a single woman to help. I spent an afternoon going to the men I knew had not been asked before, but each one promptly began to protest at the "watch fires" and picketing performances in Washington and I did not get a single signature.

If I were up to my old fitness physically I should like nothing better than to start out on a real campaign, but I can't do it and there is a lack of enthusiasm which it is not possible to overcome in everybody, due as much to a depressed state of mind following our epidemic of influenza as to the repugnance to enlist in a political struggle which all women seem to have.

Perhaps a little later we can do something which will count.

Yours very sincerely,

*Josephine Wheelock*

[Feb. 10, 1919]

Write after we learn action of U.S.  
Senate -

R.E.H.S.  
2/10-19

[Jan. 20, 1919]

(Over)

Mrs. Andreas Uhland  
403 Essex Bldg

Minneapolis -

Dear Mrs. Uhland -

As I am leaving  
Minn. for California  
in a week or ten days  
I'll have to ask you

To address all corres-  
pondence to Mrs  
Agnes Islasson,

Springbrook Minn.

I am sorry to step out  
of this work that has  
been near to my heart  
for years, but I hope  
the good work in  
the cause of suffrage  
will go on as it  
is so nearly non-  
sum we can re-  
joice with Minn.  
as well as the other  
suffrage states be-  
fore so very long.

Very Sincerely

Ada Campbell Helland

(Mrs. G.M.) Springbrook  
Minn.  
Jan. 20, '98.

CLOQUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PETER OLESEN, SUPERINTENDENT

CLOQUET, MINN.,

Jan. 20, 1917.

My dear Mrs Meland:

I have carried out your directions in regard to the letter to Mr. Barnes & hope the letter will have some weight with him.

We are crowded for room to house our teachers so a number of married women who are living here, former teachers are pressed into service. I am living in the building & feel it my duty to help out what I can. I have five classes in high school. I should not think of doing it if our city & schools had not been so afflicted.

My heart & my desires lead me to

## CLOQUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PETER OLESEN, SUPERINTENDENT

CLOQUET, MINN.,

say "yes" & to go to Southern Min with you. I love you, I love the cause, & I love Southern Minnesota but stern duty holds me here. I have promised ~~some~~ dates before the fire which as they arrive I have to fill but I can take no new ones just now. You do not know how I hate to refuse the call. Please ask me again when I am released from teaching. I am free any Saturday but I can't go so far but what I can return by Sunday night.

With love,

Arnold Olesen.

Blue Earth Min  
Jan 20 - 1919

Dear Pres. Mrs. Iceland  
as you will no doubt  
wonder why you have  
not heard of me but the  
last letter I rec of you  
I answered while at Walter's  
and when in you asked  
me to get more men iners  
but as my time was  
up at Walter's I gave it to  
one of the comety I had had  
to help me get mams I  
told her to try hard to send  
you more momes of men  
but as I had to leave for

hear at Blue Earth to take <sup>[2]</sup>  
2 grandsons to school then  
to the territorial Blue came and  
no one could get out to do  
much then I have not seen  
her sons and she has be-  
come a mother since so it  
may be the reason why  
she has not been able to  
do more work

Now I  
will recommend Mrs. Anna  
Laws of Waterloo to take my  
place if you desire as she  
helped to get mums and was  
interested in the work be-  
sides she writes for a paper  
and if you have anything for  
me to do hear I will be  
glad to help you at any

Time sorry I did not get your [3]  
letters for so long but they  
wer finely sent to me

My I am  
so thankful that wer  
is uder this for but feel  
that thair is lots to  
do yet

Sincerely yours

Mrs Coraline Schmidt  
8503 - E - 5th - St  
Blue Earth  
Minn

will be pleased to hear of you

[Jan 23 1919]

Mrs Clara Ulland  
Minneapolis

Dear Mrs Ulland,

We are responding  
to the recent request and  
hope for the best results.

Yours Truly,  
Mrs. E. Hadley.  
Mapleton Minn.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Minnesota Suffrage Association  
403 Essex Building  
Minneapolis  
Minn.

Crystal Bay, Wmna.  
Jan - 20<sup>th</sup> 1919

Suffrage Adpts.,

Kindly send me  
a blank petition for equal  
suffrage -

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. E. (Clara W.) Stangland

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Suffrage Hdqrs.,  
Mpls.

311 - Myer Avenue -

Minneapolis

12<sup>th</sup> L.D.

Scanhuse, Minn. Jan. 20, 1919.

Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Stevens: -

We received your letter in regard to the suffrage petition and have begun work. We should have had this done but on account of the flu and too much work in general we could not get at it sooner. Mrs. Jacquot is at present in Chicago and Mrs. Melvin is somewhat poorly, not being able to get out much so Mrs. Wayland and I are doing our best.

We made a house to house canvass of the Polish district of the village and every woman signed except one.

It is with deep regret that I read of the militancy of the women at Washington.

[2]  
and I sincerely hope that it will cease  
before long. It seems to me that it is  
entirely unnecessary and out of place. In  
fact many of the women in the smaller  
towns will become disgusted with suffrage,  
especially those who do not understand  
very well and who are always the hardest  
to win over. These women are making  
a very serious mistake is my belief  
and suffrage would come sooner without  
the burning of our presidents speeches. It  
places the ordinary suffrage worker in  
rather a bad position.

Many a good cause has failed on account  
of misguided and incompetent workers  
and let us hope that our seventy year  
struggle will not be prolonged by them.

I presume we must always remember  
that "To err is human, To forgive divine."

We now have about thirty signatures  
and will keep on working.

yours sincerely,

Mrs. R. T. Schurz

January 21, 1919

Mrs. H. M. Wheelock,  
Fergus Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Wheelock:--

In regard to your petitions, I note that you have been working under the most adverse conditions. It is really surprising that you were so successful with your women's petition, I think.

Do you think it would help the situation in Fergus Falls if some of us from the Twin Cities should come up there for a meeting? We could send one of our workers up beforehand as an advance agent, if you think it is worth while. I am very busy indeed these days at the legislature, but your district is a very important one and I am not sure but it would help our legislative program if I should go up myself for one day.

I wrote you a letter this morning in regard to Elmer Adams and Mr. Putnam. Now I am going to ask you something more and that is to get some letters from influential people, both men and women, to Senator Sageng. He is chairman of the Elections Committee in the Senate and if he felt that he had the backing of the women and men of the 50th district, he would, I believe, take a strong stand against the state amendment.

I want to say to you confidentially that I think there is really very great danger if a state amendment being passed and we want to work quietly to be sure but as effectively as we possibly can to prevent it.

This is very important, that we get Senator Sageng aroused to the fact that the women of Ottertail County do not want to work for a state amendment.

I had a talk

Mrs. H.M. Wheelock

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amendment would entail upon the suffragists of the state. As I have told you in former letters, we would say each county would have to raise \$1000, if possible, and for the next two years we would have to work for suffrage as we never have before, with

Mrs. H. M. Wheelock

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Sincerely yours

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 21, 1919

Mrs. H. M. Wheelock,  
Fergus Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Wheelock:-

You know we are trying to head off a state amendment bill. I am sure you agree with us that a two years' campaign trying to get a referendum to the voters of Minnesota is a task we do not want to undertake.

Mr. Elmer Adams is on the Elections Committee in the House, and we want to reach these men, especially, with a great many letters from their district telling them the women of that district do not want the state amendment. Mr. H. A. Putnam is also on the Elections Committee, and the same thing holds true of him.

Will you take it upon yourself, personally, to see that they get a good many letters. I have sent form letters out, I think you received one, to the chairmen of the suffrage committees in your district, and I hope they are getting some letters as a result of this, but I want to ask you especially to see that these men get letters from influential women and, if possible, men.

Cordially yours,

State President

January 21, 1919

Mr. William Duncan, Jr.,  
Milroy  
Minnesota

My dear Mr. Duncan:-

We were deeply shocked to learn through your letter of January 14th of the death of Mrs. Duncan. May we express to you our genuine sympathy in your great loss.

We very much appreciate your interest in looking up and forwarding us the petitions, as we do also the fine spirit of co-operation and devotion your wife had shown in this work.

Thanking you for your personal good wishes for the cause,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. Diesen Dyer,  
Houston,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Dyer:-

We are just in receipt of your fine petitions and thank you very much. You have come so near to attaining your quota, it seems a pity to not actually go over the top.

We find on examining the records that 91 would be a bare majority, and are going to ask you if you cannot get some of the women to help you secure signatures of 20 more men and 20 women.

With genuine appreciation of the effort you have put into this work, and confidently counting on your carrying it to completion,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

Jan. 21, 1919

Mrs. L. C. Spooner,  
Morris,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Spooner:-

Under the circumstances which you describe, we think you have probably done as well as anyone could do. The fact that the signatures you have are all of representative women who are leading in the various activities of your social, religious and civic life gives evidence that the general sentiment must be quite strong for suffrage.

Yes, indeed, resolutions from the organizations you mention would be of the utmost value. By all manner of means send them if at all possible.

Thanking you for the earnest efforts you have put into this work,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. Alfred Stolberg,  
Center City  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Stolberg:--

We are just in receipt of your wonderful petitions. They are in time, and we congratulate you upon your splendid success.

If all our committees turned in such good reports we would not have to worry about our ratification, would we.

Thanking you cordially for your very efficient work,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. John Serrin,  
Glenwood  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Serrin:-

Thank you so much for your letter from Mr. Nelson. I believe he is going to be a help to us in heading off the state amendment. We sent him the literature as you requested.

I have had a conference with Senator Iver S. Lee, and find that he is entirely in sympathy with our idea that it is unwise to push a state suffrage amendment.

I will remember what you say about Mr. William Royster. I hope I may come across him. If you know where he is to be found, will you kindly let me know.

Enclosed herewith is Mr. Carl N. Nelson's letter to you.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 21, 1919

Mrs. W. W. Cook,  
Marshall,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Cook:-

Mrs. Lowe has written us that ill health prevents her continuing in the chairmanship of the suffrage committee in your town, and explains that she has been turning over to you materials and correspondence.

Since such good work has been done, and a sufficient number of women's signatures secured, we hope it will be possible for you to make a special effort with regard to getting the names of men. You need, to complete your quota, 174 men. A group of six women could get these signatures in an afternoon or evening.

With genuine appreciation of what has already been accomplished, and earnestly hoping that the good work may be continued to completion,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Miss Irene Benton,  
Grandda,  
Minnesota

My dear Miss Benton:-

We received the petitions and very much appreciate your spirit of continuing the work. Since the United States Senate has not yet taken action on the Federal Suffrage Amendment, we have time to go on with the work.

We are asking those who have not completed their quotas to do what they can and report to us again on the 1st of February. We realize the difficulties you have to overcome at this season of the year, living in the country, but if you can secure more signers it is highly appropriate to do so.

Thanking you for your fine spirit of co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. P. M. Crosbie,  
Brewster  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Crosbie:-

We are just now in receipt of the petitions you sent in and thank you for them. We are telling all the faithful ones whose quotas have not been quite attained that since the United States Senate still remains inactive with regard to our amendment, that we would like to have them continue with the petitions work and report to us again on the 1st of February. Since you need only 17 more women and 44 more men to complete your quota, won't you make a special effort to go over the top by the end of the month?

Thanking you for your splendid effort in this work, and trusting that you will be able to carry it through to completion,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. J.A. Melone,  
Rochester  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Melone:--

I am very pleased indeed that Mr. Gooding is with us in suffrage. Sorry to hear that he has been so ill. I do hope he recovers soon, partly for his own sake and partly for ours, so that he can be here to vote upon suffrage measures.

The thing that is disturbing us greatly just now is that a hand full of irresponsible women have had introduced into the legislature a bill for a state amendment, and there is great danger that this bill, to which our state association and national association is opposed, may be passed.

I think you know the National situation - which is that the Federal Amendment is practically certain to be passed before many months, and will only need ratification in Minnesota - so that the prospect of a state campaign for the next two years makes us very nervous. We must try every possible means to head it off.

I want to ask you to explain this to Mr. Gooding before he comes up to St. Paul. Make it clear to him that the women of your district do not want this unnecessary campaign. Will you not also get some other women to write him?

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 21, 1919

Mrs. W. Miller,  
Verdi,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Miller:--

We are just in receipt of your letter of January 17th with its enclosure of petitions. We thank you for these and appreciate that you have put earnest work into the securing of signatures.

We note that you mention that yours is a German community, largely, and that many had refused to sign. In our experience we have found that many times people who refuse to sign upon the first asking will not refuse when asked a 2d time. Since the United States Senate still delays action we have a continuation of time for work everywhere that full quotas have not been obtained.

We are asking the women to continue the work and report results on February 1st.

We are going to ask you to do this too, and hope that you will find a sufficient change in sentiment to enable you to obtain 23 more men and 24 more women's signatures by the end of the month.

Thanking you for all your good work,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. Anna Lewis,  
Bertha,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Lewis:-

We are just in receipt of your petitions and extend our appreciation and congratulation upon your success in going over the top.

You have your quota, outside of the signatures that were secured at Hewitt, so we will credit the Hewitt names to that town, and thank Miss Kilbourn for her zeal in getting them.

Yes, we are all rejoicing that the nation has voted dry.

Thanking you for your very efficient work,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)

State Organizer

Jan. 21, 1919

Mrs. Anna Ladd,  
Sanborn,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Ladd:-

We are very sorry to know that you are not well, but can appreciate how important it is, your being alone, and how necessary it is for you to take care of yourself.

Of course, having gone way over the top in the women's petitions and lacking only 15 of having a majority of the voters' names, we should like awfully well to have some one in the community give the little additional time it would require to get those 15 men's names. We wonder if Mrs. F.W. Gleason, who is on your committee, could not be persuaded to do that or to find some one to do it. We certainly agree with you that it is not wise for you to go out in this sort of weather doing the work personally.

With very great appreciation of all that you have done,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. George Lowe,  
Marshall,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Lowe:-

We are sorry indeed to learn that you are ill, and deeply appreciate the work that you have done in behalf of the petitions.

We will do as you suggest, and communicate with the other members of the committee for further work.

Petitions are coming in nicely, and we think we are going to make a really fine showing.

Thanking you for your very efficient co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.)

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. C. M. Graves,  
Crookston,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Graves:--

You know we are trying to head off a state amendment bill. I am sure you agree with us that a two year's campaign trying to get a referendum to the voters of Minnesota is a task we do not want to undertake.

Mr. J.O. Haugland is on the Elections Committee in the House, and we want to reach these men, especially, with a great many letters from their district, telling them the women of that district do not want the state amendment.

Will you take it upon yourself, personally, to see that he gets a good many letters? I have sent form letters out, I think you received one, to the chairmen of the suffrage committees in your district, and I hope he is getting some letters as a result of this, but I want to ask you especially to see that he gets some letters from influential women, and if possible, men.

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Jan. 21, 1919

Mrs. Charles F. Hall,  
Granite Falls  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hall:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 19th including the twelve men's signatures which puts your town over the top with the men's petitions, and as you know, almost twice over with the women's. Good Work!

Thanking you very much for your devotion, and results,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

January 21, 1919

Mrs. C. M. Hastings,  
Verndale,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Hastings:--

We received Mr. Mc Givern's letter, stating his position upon the suffrage question, which you enclosed with the petition you sent in, and conclude that your receiving a second letter asking again that you write your representative must have been due to an oversight.

However, this struggle between the very small group of women who are pushing a state suffrage amendment and the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association, which comprises practically the whole body of organized suffragists in the state, is likely to continue for sometime.

Any reminder that you can make to your representatives that you favor a National amendment and do not care to enter into a two years' state campaign, that is almost certain to end in defeat, will be good suffrage work.

Thanking you for your efficient co-operation,

Very sincerely yours,

State Organizer



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# Hotel Foley

J. A. JONES, PROP.

Aitkin, Minn.,

Jan 21 1919

Dear Clara

Please send Mrs.  
Gammel - Braund -  
some more petition blanks  
she intends to circulate  
some thru unions - and  
thereby add much to  
her petition.

Hartily

Ann Forsyth

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Aitkin, Minn.,

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Aitkin, Minn.,

Jan 21 1919

Dear Mrs Ueland

Well, your very nice friend Mr. C. E. Trech - editor of the "Independence Age" and with whom you used to play "Bean Bag" told me that Mr. Warner believes that "you" do not want suffrage! as for the story, passed into his ear by the Kingsley dame - That they are the only Union Pure article we are camouflage -

I had to change plans - and the best I could do here is to get a committee of the best men in the town to

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# Hotel Foley

J. A. JONES, PROP.



Aitkin, Minn.,

191

wait on Warner when  
he comes home Saturday-

He stands well here - and  
no one wants to write  
and tell him he has  
made a mistake - I  
really think this will  
be more effective - I have  
talked to the leading  
men here - who were help-  
ful in electing him and  
they all agree with our  
point of view and can't  
imagine what ails Warner

Ann Forrestal

The names of men on page 3  
are committed who will see him

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Men interviewed in Aitkin  
all favorable to Suff.  
J. R. Foley Jr.  
Rev. Keast with music  
Mrs. Krelwitz, lawyer  
" C. E. Kretsch Editor  
Mr. H. L. Holister  
Mr. Mount Bauler  
J. C. Hussain lawyer

also asst editor of  
Aitkin Republican  
Hamilton Editor - all  
with them but papers in  
favor. (examine scrap)

Lawrence, Minn. Jan. 21-1919.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

Minneapolis.

Dear Mrs. Ueland,

Your letter with regard to letters to the representatives from this district, received.

Six ladies have each sent two or three letters. Am afraid we cannot do much more with the petitions. The homes and business places were well canvassed - I had thirty women out and they did their best but it was a time when a good many men were out attending to work on farms.

I tried last week to get the club ladies to take up the petitions again but they have all done so much war work that they were not inclined to take this up again.

I put several petitions in a soft drink place here where farmers congregate - the proprietor was very willing to have them but after being there four weeks he returned them with two names. I could get names there but Mr. Gillham won't let me go.

If I can think of any way of getting more names will do so.

Sincerely yours.

Mrs. P. N. Gillham.

Minnesota Minn  
1 - 21 - '19

Miss Grace Randall  
403 Essex Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madame:-

I am enclosing three  
suffrage resolutions, - in  
addition to the four already  
sent out.

I regret that I will not be  
able to serve further on this  
committee, and must ask you

to consider my resignation,  
to take effect immediately - as  
I am already undertaking  
more than I can attend  
to, properly.

yours very sincerely  
Harriet H. Sanderson

Mrs E. T. Sanderson -

After 5 days, return to  
Mrs E. T. SANDERSON, M.D.,  
MINNEOTA, MINN.

3 Resolutions  
Ratification

Le Sueur - 1/21-'19

## Just Talk -

My idea was to go to Mrs. Gimre, whom I thought was, herself, the editor of the News and get information as to who are the leading women workers in all lines, of the burg. - Finding she was not the Ed. and <sup>was</sup> at home I went to see any way. - Tilled her full of the suffrage situation - and got from her what I wanted to know -

In response to my question "Is Mrs. Tausley a woman who can lead and get other women to work with her?" she rather reluctantly told me that Mrs. Tausley does not bear a good name in the community - too much interested in the gentlemen - When I talked with Miss Husian she told me she something with more emphasis when she had got enough acquainted with me to trust my discretion, Miss Husian was not at home where Miss Randall was here and I inferred it was Mr. Husian, who is a good "saff" who spoke for Esther's interest in the cause - She said she felt anything but complimented by being on the committee alone with Mrs. T. The latter seems not to belong to the Club or other women's organizations -

I have not yet called on Mrs. Tausley. I do not think I shall. I am not certain of the ethics of my conduct, but inasmuch as she has ignored all Headgate letters and made no report of any kind she can hardly, justly, feel slighted - If I do not go to see her she may never know I was here - and as the other women are known to be suffragists their becoming interested should not surprise her - If I go to see her I may start something unwittingly, that will tend to discord where I'm gone - On the other hand it would be fair to let her speak for herself - But on the whole I think I shall leave it down to St. Peter this evening without seeing her. Nasota is beyond and I will take it in enroute to Mankato -

Send petitions and "lit" to Mrs. McD. post haste before her ardour cools - Surely hope she will carry the thing thru - She says she will ask each

of the papers to publish the Heads to statements of the present Amendment (state) mix up - and Mrs Unland's statements on State and Federal Amend. That is, she will ask one paper to run one and the other the other and she believes they will do it on personal if not suffrag grounds -

It has been drizzling mildly and steadily ever since I left the The St Regis last evening.

If there is any thing more I ought to tell I've forgotten it -

Pray hard this committee will hold together - Mrs. McD knows we want returns by Feb. 1 but I don't think I remembered to tell her there was a quota. She is going to get letters written to legislators

Yours ever - (I mean "Thanking you for your efficient cooperation") Rene E. H. Stevens

Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Cadwell are former presidents of the Monday Club. The present incumbents, a Mrs. Davis, is an Anti - I don't believe I ever think of another word of gossip -

Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association  
In account with

Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens, Organizer -

Expenses from Jan. 2<sup>d</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Inclusive,

Hotel	\$ 22.25
Meals -	17.55
R.R. Fare	1.94
Bus and Carfare	1.10
	<hr/> \$ 42.84

Rec'd payment  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1919

Jan. 21-1919

Henriette Minn.

Mrs. Andreas Meland

403 Essex Building, Mpls. Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Meland

In your last letter you wrote and said you had written and explained why our association agreed with the National Association.

I have not rec. such letter and ask you to please send another.

would also like to know just when the Convention will be if possible

Yours very Truly

Mrs. C. A. Peterson

Crookston Minn

Jan 21-1919.

My Dear Mr. Stevens

You will excuse a very hurried written note, in order I have a letter mailed. I have to depend on our carrier who comes at noon. and is now after eleven.

You received relative to more petitions. I do wish I could promise them. yesterday I called up the few stand bys there are and they seem so reluctant to take up the work again. I have appealed with all the energy I have to show them the work must be done now in order for it to pass

You wish to know regarding  
 my paper at the Club. I met  
 with some resistance. From  
 the wife of our District Judge  
 here. She certainly spoke her  
 mind. and I certainly took  
 my stand. This was on Tuesday  
 Friday she called me up and  
 said that she guessed she had  
 made a mistake and was  
 willing to be shown and felt  
 there were many like her and  
 didn't see why there never was  
 any thing in our home paper  
 in favor of suffrage. said she  
 had talked it all over with her  
 husband. who is a seedy Judge  
 the pickeling worried her. so I  
 put the enclosed article in the  
 paper. & that very night. The

Small article appeared. I was wishing I could have short articles to be put in our paper occasionally to keep it before their minds.

I closed my paper with the appeal for action. Thinking our President would appoint a Committee to assist me in my petition work. but not a response

We had considerable difficulty to do to get signatures among the women. The men seemed more willing. I never realized before how slow the majority of people are

at present my Daughter is away from home and I have a large house to care for and my three year old grand son. but I shall make another

effort to secure women who  
 will try and do this work  
 if I had known on the start  
 our time could have been  
 extended. I would have gone  
 at it differently, securing all  
 those names at the Commercial  
 Club that night of their banquet.  
 The ladies lost time in going  
 to them again. I have mislaid  
 your letter of the quote for  
 Crookston. I think tho it was  
 seven hundred for both men  
 & women. and please send  
 petitions blanks at once. I have  
 only three left for the men. we  
 had letters written the representatives  
 & I will have others do so.  
 Sincerely yours  
 Wm M. Grant

My Dear Miss Tegen

I do not know whether  
you read this letter and  
send the petitions <sup>and</sup>  
supplies — If not please  
send them at once.  
Give the clippings  
to Mrs. Thorpe. I  
will answer the  
letter on my return

Tristly yours

Rev. E. H. Stearns

Jan. 22, 1919

Miss Rose Geyer,  
The Woman Citizen,  
New York City

My dear Miss Geyer:-

Enclosed herewith find check for \$1.50  
to cover a renewal for The Woman Citizen  
for

Mrs. Margaret J. Burt,  
1073 Lincoln Ave.,  
St. Paul.

Sorry about that hundred subscriptions  
which never materialized. Now there are only 99  
more left to come in.

Sincerely,

January 22nd, 1919.

Mrs. J.B. Wellcome,  
Sleepy Eye,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Wellcome:-

We received recently the petition from Sleepy Eye containing signatures of 96 women and 47 men and we note also that a goodly number of these signatures were obtained by Mrs. Wellcome.

Inasmuch as Sleepy Eye had 547 voters in their election two years ago, signatures of 300 men would be a bare majority and should be accompanied by a petition of 300 women's signatures; so you see that we have not fulfilled our expectations in Sleepy Eye.

Mrs. Stevens wrote Mrs. Smith asking whether additional signatures could not be procured and Mrs. Smith writes in return that she cannot devote anymore time to suffrage just now and asks that we appoint another Chairman. It looks as though we had to abide by her decision and are wondering whether you will not lend us your assistance.

Here in the city we have been having so called "Suffrage Parties". We get together a group of women (choosing those who are good suffragists as well as able talkers) at a specified time and place, assign certain blocks to each one and then go for a house to house canvass. All the participants are asked to work two and one half or three hours, meeting again at the end of that time at a specified place for refreshments. This enables us usually to get full quotas. Last Friday evening a group of five young women brought in 300 signatures in two and one half hours time. This is an actual fact. This is merely as a suggestion. Don't you think you could put it across.

Mrs. J.B. Wellcome--/2.

Your Mr. Praxel told Mrs. Everett of Redwood Falls that his county did not stand for womens suffrage and so he would have to vote against it. Even though Redwood County was so decidedly not in favor of it, He is open to conviction.

You probably will notice by the papers that the State Suffrage Amendment was passed by the House this morning. We were opposed to this but still hope to head it off in the Senate. We are putting our sole efforts toward the Federal Suffrage Amendment which will enfranchise the women of the entire nation. I am so sure that you will come to the rescue of the sleepy ye petitions that I am taking the liberty of sending you petition blanks and literature under separate cover, and also enclose a list of your committee. These women promised Miss Randall and myself that they would help. I am writing Mrs. Smith also that we are asking you to do this and will ask her to help you all within her power.

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary.

CHH/AT.

January 22, 1919

Mrs. A. Winger,  
Herman,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Winger:-

I am very sorry indeed that we will not have a petition from Herman. Of course, I understand that the conditions are, as you say, very difficult there.

In regard to the case of the young woman who is in the school for the feeble-minded, I can only say that all questions of that kind will be of the greatest interest and importance to women, once they become enfranchised. When women have political power they will better be able to correct conditions in our public institutions that are not now satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 22, 1919

Mrs Grant Van Sant,  
30 Crocus Place,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Van Sant:-

Thanks for the renewal subscription  
for Mrs. Margaret Burt. I am sorry to say  
that renewals do not allow of a commission,  
according to the Woman Citizen.

Sorry to be so late in acknowledging  
this, but we have all been rused at this office  
for the past several weeks. The subscription  
has been forwarded.

Sincerely,

January 22nd, 1919.

Frederick A. Stokes Co.,  
443-449 Fourth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find check for  
\$1.50 for which please send us the book entitled  
"The Woman Citizen" by Mary Sumner Boyd.

Sincerely yours,

Business Secretary.

CHM/AT.

January 23, 1919

Mrs. J.E. E. Stangland,  
Crystal Bay  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Stangland:--

In accordance with your request for a petition blank, I am enclosing herewith one of each for men and for women.

If you wish additional blanks, please let us know, and we shall be glad to forward same.

Also if you wish any literature like the enclosed sheets to help you with this petition work, we shall be glad to forward it.

We presume you are assisting Mrs. Turnham in getting signatures to these petition blanks, asking that our state legislature ratify the Federal Amendment when it shall be passed by the United States Senate.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

Business Sec'y.

January 22, 1919

Miss Hope Mc Donald,  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.

My dear Hope:-

I enclose this circular in regard to  
Mlle. Marguerite Clement. If you think it is  
worth considering you might take it up with  
the St. Paul Welfare League.

It looks to me now as if it might be  
well for us to have our state convention some-  
time in the spring - perhaps in May. The  
National Convention is to be held in St. Louis  
in April. By that time the legislature will be  
over and we want to make some plans for our  
Press work. We must be thinking of plans for  
the program at that time.

Sincerely

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 22, 1919

Mrs. D. W. Mc Dougal, Chairman,  
Le Sueur  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Mc Dougal:--

Mrs. Stevens, our State Organizer, writes us that you will take the suffrage-petition work in hand in Le Sueur, and I want to assure you of my appreciation of your willingness to help share the very great responsibility of putting suffrage through in Minnesota.

We have long wanted good suffrage committees in Le Sueur County so as to be able to demonstrate to the legislators coming from the 17th district that their district is in favor of suffrage, notwithstanding any reports to the contrary. With signed petitions in hand, they must take our word as final. I am sure you and your committee will do your best to get a majority of men and women of voting age in your town to sign.

We do hope that the Senator who is to take Mr. Weis' place will be in favor of suffrage.

Thanking you for your co-operation and confidently counting on you for a majority petition, I am,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

You had at the election two years ago, 386 voters; the quota assigned to Le Sueur on that basis would be 200 men and an equal number of women; making a bare majority of adults.

Jan. 22, 1919

Mrs. G. M. Graves,  
Crockston,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Graves:-

I read in the papers that there is to be a very important meeting in Crockston, February 10th to 14th.

The meeting, as you know, is "The Annual Northwestern Minnesota Farmers and Women's Week" and in connection with it several other associations are to have meetings:

Red River Valley Livestock Breeders  
" " " Development Assn.  
Northern Minn. Poultry Assn.  
Minnesota Potato Growers Assn  
Alumni of the N.W. School of Agriculture

We would like very much to have resolutions passed at the big general meeting, and if possible, by the smaller associations.

Please write at once and tell us what you think about this? Will not the Crockston suffragists take charge of that and put it through?

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

January 22, 1919

Mrs. W. H. Deen,  
Minnesota,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Deen:--

I am very glad to get the information that  
you have given me in regard to Mrs. Kingsley.

I have talked with Mr. Gislason and find that  
he is in agreement with us about suffrage and I believe  
he will help us to head off this state amendment.

Thanking you so much for your co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Austin, Minn.,

January 22, 1919.

Mrs Andreas Heland,  
President of Women Suffrage,  
Dear Madam:

I hereby tender  
my resignation as president  
of Era Club, Austin, Minn  
as my health will not  
permit me to fulfill  
the duties of that office.  
I recommend Mrs F. A.  
Reilly or Mrs C. L. West  
to fill the vacancy.  
Kindly direct all corres-  
pondence to either one of  
these ladies and oblige  
Mrs Geo. Baudet.  
Austin Minn.

[Jan 22, 1919]

Enclosed please find  
check for renewal of  
subscription of Mrs. Margaret  
J. Durt, 1073 Lincoln Ave -  
St. Paul - if renewals are  
counted, Credit Ramsay  
Co - Suffrage -  
Hastily -  
Marion S. Pausant

[4]

I would like to appoint  
some one who could  
<sup>take</sup> that up this work suc-  
cessfully, but at our  
Club last night it  
was voted not to attempt  
it at the present time.  
I would like to be ad-  
vised as to one thing.  
Did the State Association  
sanction the sending  
of those women from

Minneapolis recently  
to Washington? the question  
has been asked me  
and I am unable to answer.

Sincerely

(Mrs D. F. Darling) Maude Darling  
Preston Minn -



HUNKY-DORY  
HILL

[1919]

Jan 22

My dear Mrs Guise:-

Yours of Jan 20<sup>th</sup>  
received, in reply I will  
say, I do not know when  
I will have the petition  
ready - these have been  
unusual times, and  
I find unusual cir-  
cumstances here to meet.  
Our town is composed  
chiefly of retired farmers.  
German and Norwegian  
mostly foreign born.

I have written Sen. Hoff<sup>[3]</sup>  
and am certain he  
will vote against State  
Referenda,

Our newspapers  
are both practically  
against suffrage on  
account of the actions  
in Washington, given so  
much publicity in  
the press recently.  
I am sure this is deeply  
regretted by Mrs Ireland  
and the State ass. at  
large - but in small  
towns the effect is  
very noticeable -

and hard to interest in<sup>[2]</sup>  
suffrage, with the fear  
from the influenza many  
homes are closed to us,  
even now, we held our  
first club meeting last  
night - since Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Our Public Library opened  
Saturday for the first time  
those whom I looked to  
for assistance are now  
filling positions requiring  
all their time, Mrs Read  
has taken the Normal  
and Miss Anderson  
is doing double duty in  
the High School -

# HOTEL NICOLLET

F. L. GREENE

Proprietor

\$2.50 PER DAY AND UP.

ST. PETER, MINN.,

1919

15 LD  
My Dear Miss Heckrich -  
Send petitions and "let" to  
Mrs. A. S. Stark - She promised  
rather impulsively to push the  
petitions - She has enthusiasm  
and punch but gives one the  
impression of liability to collapse  
with the same suddenness  
she starts. Mrs. Weibagohn  
has agreed to get a lot of letters  
etc to St Paul but is submerged  
under already assumed responsi-  
bility. At present has two sick chil-  
dren - One suffering very an-  
dibly when I was there - Also  
while I was there - her mother, as I  
understood, called by phone and re-  
ported that Lulu, who is Mrs Ben  
Nelson, had been sent to bed by the

doctor and they feared influenza -

Mrs. Starks aged mother fell down stairs five weeks ago and has been confined to her bed ever since -

Miss Saumann has given up teaching to take of her feeble 93 year old mother - Mrs. Benson while an

"ardent" suffragist would not turn her hand over to work for suffrage now because "it's coming and you could not stop it if you tried" - real reason being that her husband <sup>has</sup> is in politics, and any way she does not <sup>have</sup> any preference as to whether it comes now or in 2000 A.D. - Now that out of my system and for your eye only -

I have done much calling and am going to spend yet some time at it in the morning. I fear I shall not sleep much

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tonight for wondering who on earth I'm to tell they've got to raise \$50.00 —

So far I have run against no schism — All the women I've ~~been~~ seen belong to the literary club which passed resolutions favoring Federal Amend. and sent copies to their legislators within the week — so Mrs. Stark told me — I asked her to send copy to Headqts and she said she would.

I will send report of committee and an <sup>news</sup> papers etc when I get thru calling — Am going to make a try to get to Mankato

tomorrow night, doing Karata<sup>[4]</sup> or  
I go - Not sure how it will work  
out - but I am sure I don't want  
to stay at Karata 'cause they say  
they ain't no hotel -

I trust piles of new petitions  
have accumulated since my de-  
parture and that the Legisla-  
ture has memorialized Congress.  
All good wishes

Yours ever -

Rene Off Stevens

JANUARY TWENTY-THIRD  
1919

Mrs. H.M. Wheelock,  
Fergus Falls,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Wheelock:-

You have probably seen by the papers, that in spite of our efforts to prevent it a state constitutional amendment passed the House Wednesday. It was put through in such a way that there was no chance for debate nor explanation on the floor and the result was that many of our friends, who had agreed with us that such a measure was unwise and inexpedient, nevertheless, did not dare vote against it, for fear people at home would misunderstand and think they were opposing suffrage in general.

In spite of such a fear of misunderstanding, there was however, a handful of brave men and good suffragists, who voted "no" and these men are always our staunch supporters on all suffrage measures, that we deem wise and expedient. Such were your representatives, Hon. Elmer E. Adams of Fergus Falls, Hon. John B. Hompe, of Deer Creek, and Hon. H. A. Putnam of Battle Lake. We think that they ought to be assured that suffragists at home understand their vote and are grateful for it. Will you make it your personal responsibility that several letters of this sort go to them at once, addressed House of Representatives, Capitol, St. Paul, and that their attitude is perfectly understood at home?

Will you have letters go to your Senator, Hon. Ole O. Sageng, of Dalton, addressed Senate, Capitol, St. Paul, begging him not to pass this state constitutional amendment in the Senate, but assuring him that suffragists wish at present to concentrate upon federal action?

Very sincerely yours,

AU\*EHS

President

P.S. The Senate situation is acute - have letters and telegram go today if humanly possible.

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Miss Stella Smith,  
Pipestone,  
Minnesota.

My dear Miss Smith:-

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Will you also have letters go to your Senator, Hon. Floyd E. Lindsley, asking him not to pass this state constitutional amendment in the Senate, but assuring him that suffragists wish at present to concentrate upon federal action.

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of Austin. We think that he ought to be assured that suf-  
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Blue Earth,  
Minnesota.

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Wabasha,  
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Will you also have letters go to your Senator, Hon. Jas. A. Carley of Plainview, addressed Senate, Capitol, St. Paul, begging him not to pass this state constitutional amendment in the Senate, but assuring him that suffragists wish at present to concentrate upon federal action?

Very sincerely yours,

AU\*EWS

President

P.S. The Senate situation is acute. Have letters and telegram go today if humanly possible.

JANUARY TWENTY-THIRD  
1919

Mrs. S.W. Marston,  
Adrian,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Marston:-

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Robbinsdale,  
Minnesota.

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Very sincerely yours,

President

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January 23rd, 1919.

Mrs. V.W. Dedon,  
Lindstrom,  
Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Dedon:-

It will be all right to begin your drive January 24th. We have more time for our petition work than we thought. In a way this is unfortunate but on the other hand it gives us a chance to get a larger petition.

You probably saw by the papers that Mr. Warner succeeded in getting through the house a successful vote on the State Suffrage Amendment. They were voting on our resolution to the United States Senate and the House developed so much strength and enthusiasm for suffrage that Mr. Warner was clever enough to take advantage of the occasion and got in his measure also and our men, having voted for one suffrage bill, were unwilling to vote against another one.

We will have to do what we can now to head this off in the Senate, so will you write to your Senator, Adolph E. Larson, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn., telling him that the women in your district do not want a State Amendment but are concentrating on the Federal Amendment? He agrees with us that our position is the wisest one, but it will strengthen him to use his influence against it if he can say that the women of his district do not want the burden of a State campaign when we believe that it is coming the other way.

Very Sincerely,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)  
AU/AT.

State President.

January 23rd, 1919.

Senator Knute Nelson,  
Washington,  
D.C.

My dear Senator Nelson:-

I am sure you know that our National Suffrage Association is asking the Legislatures in many of the States to memorialize Congress, asking for the passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

Every one understands that the Senators and the Members of the House from Minnesota are all in favor of this measure and that this resolution is not in any sense directed to you or Senator Kellogg, but to give strength to the National movement. The resolution was passed by the Minnesota House yesterday by a vote of 100 - 28. The measure brought out a greater amount of suffrage sentiment than anyone had expected.

Thanking you for your consistent help in our cause, I am,

Cordially yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

CU/AT.

P.S. The news has just been telephoned us that this resolution was passed by the Senate.

January 23rd, 1919.

Representative H.O. Berve,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Berve:-

During the discussion of the Resolution memorializing the United States Senate yesterday, you were so kind as to declare yourself in favor of this measure, and of Woman Suffrage generally, I want to assure you of the appreciation of our members for this help, and to thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

AM/AT

January 23rd, 1919.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,  
171 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Catt:-

The Minnesota Suffragists had a near catastrophe in the Legislature yesterday. Our resolution to the United States Senate was under consideration under the suspension of rules. It past by a vote of 100 to 28. So much enthusiasm and strength developed that Representative Warner, who had introduced a State Suffrage Amendment bill, was clever enough to take advantage of this and succeeded in getting his measure up and voted upon, and that was passed by a large majority.

It was surprising and disheartening to us to hear one after another of our friends, who agree with us, in thinking it a mistake to try for a State Amendment and to hear them vote "Yes." They explained to us later that it would have been inconsistent for them to vote to memorialize Congress in favor of suffrage and vote against a State Suffrage Amendment in the Senate. They claim that it would stultify the Legislature and would have a bad effect upon Congress. Whether they were right or wrong the thing was done. We were getting under way a good campaign against this State Amendment in the districts of the legislator and if we have had a week or two more, as we surely expected to do, and as Mr. Warner promised, I think the result would have been different. They did not even debate the question.

However, we did get the resolution through and I believe we can get it through the Senate in a very short time, under the suspension of the rules, but you can understand we are hampered by the fear of this State Amendment and do not want the same thing to happen in the Senate that happened in the House. We have not given up hope that the State Amendment may be defeated in the Senate. I am confident a majority of the friends of suffrage in the Senate think our position is the wise and sensible one, but curiously enough the suffrage sentiment in the Legislature is so strong that many of these

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt-- 2.

men are afraid to vote against any suffrage measure.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

CU/AT.

January 23rd, 1919.

Representative George L. Sigel,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Sigel:-

During the discussion of the Resolution memorializing the United States Senate yesterday, you were so kind as to declare yourself in favor of this measure, and of woman Suffrage generally, I want to assure you of the appreciation of our members for this help, and to thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

AU/AT.

January 23rd, 1913.

Representative H.H. Harrison,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Harrison:-

During the discussion of the Resolution memorializing the United States Senate yesterday, you were so kind as to speak in favor of Woman Suffrage. I want to assure you of the appreciation of our members for your sympathetic attitude toward our cause, not only yesterday but for the many years in which you have consistently advocated this reform. Thank you once more for your help.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

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AU/AT.

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Hon. Frank B. Kellogg,  
Senate Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

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Worthington Minn  
Jan. 23.  
[1919]  
Minnesota Suffrage Association  
Minneapolis, Minn

Ladies,

Please send additional blanks like enclosed sample, about 20 for women 10 for voters. Worthington is signing this week. Delay caused by "flu".

Yours sincerely  
(Mrs Hayden R.) Helen Upton

# HOTEL NICOLLET

F. L. GREENE

Proprietor

\$2.50 PER DAY AND UP.

ST. PETER, MINN.,

June 28 1919

In my calls this morning I  
got the instantaneous reaction  
from the House passage of  
the resolution - Women do  
not see that our legislature  
needs petitions - Of course  
I pointed out patiently how  
this concerted opinion reaches  
back to influence Congress  
and that we could not lie down  
until the opposition surrenders  
etc - I am just leaving  
for Kasota hence great  
haste - This town is  
full of sickness - no woman  
has domestic help -  
Goodbye Stevens -

Kasota

Le Sueur County

17th L.D.  
Jan. 23, '19

No change in Committee.  
Called upon.

Mrs. Babcock - Chmn -

Mrs. Buell - gone to the city - but very much alive  
daughter at home -

Mrs. Davies -

Mrs. Trumbidge - gone South -

The Chairman said <sup>she</sup> they had just sent in the petition. She was so much interested that she didn't know how many signers there were. Thought about 85 didn't know how many men or how many women -

Mrs. Davies - it seems did all the petition work. She said there were 130 names sent - about equally divided as to men and women. I urged her to get the remainder of the quota which she tho't she could do - but I over looked finding out if she has the petitions or more should be sent. Safer to send some - I suppose -

Letters were sent to legislators in response to Mrs. Ueland's first request and others will go to the Senate against state Amendment -

No newspaper in this town "St Peter Herald their paper" by which I understand that it is the local paper read in their town -

January 24th, 1919.

Hon. Theo. Christianson,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Christianson:-

In the excitement following the suffrage vote Wednesday, I am afraid I did not remember to thank you for your admirable management of our suffrage Resolution. I thought it all went off remarkably well. I particularly liked your handling of Mr. McGrath's objection to the Resolution.

I am sure you understand that we appreciate the work you have done and are doing for our suffrage cause. Of course, we were somewhat aghast at the vote for the State Amendment. That came about I suppose, because there was so much strength and enthusiasm for the cause in general. No one was in the mood to differentiate.

I see that you have introduced the Presidential bill. I shall want to talk with you about this before long. I suppose it will be better to have Mr. Sageng introduce the same bill that you do. We are going to do our best to demonstrate that the women of the State do not want the State Amendment so that we are hoping that it will be defeated in the Senate.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

State President.

AU/AT.

January 24th, 1919.

Hon. Ludvig O. Solem,  
733 Plymouth Bldg.,  
C I T Y .

My dear Mr. Solem:-

During the discussion of the Resolution memorializing the United States Senate Wednesday, you were so kind as to declare yourself in favor of this measure, and of Woman Suffrage generally, I want to assure you of the appreciation of our members for this help, and to thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

AU/MT

January 24, 1919

Mrs. Lewis Stolle,  
Quamba,  
Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Stolle:--

We are in receipt of your letter this morning with enclosed petition which we are very glad indeed to have. We are very much pleased that you went over the quota given you.

If you are getting names from the entire township, 40 would be the bare majority of the number who cast a vote two years ago.

We had supposed that the time for circulating the petitions would have expired by now but the inaction of the United States Senate in passing the Federal Suffrage Amendment extends our time so that if you have an opportunity to get in more names, so as to get a majority of the voters, and an equal number of women, we would be very glad to have you do so and send them in any time within the next three weeks.

Thanking you for your efficient co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

State Organizer

Stabasha Minn. Jan. 24-19

Mrs. Andreas Ueland Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

On Jan. 13 I received a letter petition blanks and supplies with the request that my Committee make an intensive drive and secure a desired number of signatures.

I regret to inform you it has been quite impossible to comply with your request before now. due to illness in my own family and illness of several members of my Committee.

Now that the state senate has passed the house resolution memorializing the United States Senate to pass the National

suffrage amendment I don't  
suppose it will be necessary  
to send in the petitions.

If you wish us to go on  
please inform us and we  
will send the petitions in a  
few days.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. A. J. Hall

Barnesville, Minnesota,

January 24, 1919.

Mrs. Elara M. Heckrich,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:-

Knowing that Mrs. Stevens  
was not in the city I am  
writing to you to ask you to send  
me, just as soon as possible,  
all the material you have on  
Women's Suffrage. We have had  
some but it has all been distributed  
and we would like some more.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. M. Gath

Barnesville

Minnesota

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January 25th, 1919.

Hon. F.O. Oren,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Oren:-

We want to thank you for your stand against the State Suffrage Amendment on Wednesday. We can assure you that your vote was in accord with the opinion of the great body of working suffragists in Minnesota and throughout the United States - namely, that since the cause of Woman Suffrage is so nearly won by the Federal route, it is unwise for States having a Constitution such as that of Minnesota to undertake a campaign for a Suffrage Amendment.

Such a campaign would, without question, require a great expenditure of time, money and strength, which the women can ill afford to give in these times and which would probably meet the same fate as have the Prohibition and all other amendments on controversial questions in Minnesota.

We appreciate your stand on this question in refusing to be stampeded by the popular appeal of the hour and for voting against a measure that you consider unwise.

We are writing to the suffragists and to the papers in your district expressing our approval of your vote.

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State Capitol,  
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State Capitol,  
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State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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January 25th, 1913.

Hon. L.E. Brophey,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

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January 25th, 1919.

3206 Lyndale Ave. So.  
CITY.

My dear Mr. Brochey:

JANUARY 25TH, 1919.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,  
171 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Catt:-

I wrote you Wednesday that our Resolution passed the Minnesota House by a very large vote. The next morning the same thing happened in the Senate. The rules were suspended and it was rushed through with a vote of 49 - 7. The men who are pushing the State Amendment tried to repeat what happened in the House the day before, - get their measure voted upon in the same way, at this time, but fortunately our friends were on the job and succeeded in getting the State Amendment bill sent to the elections committee. The chairman of this committee is for us and announced that he would be glad to put the bill in cold storage for the present, so we have several weeks in which to vote against this measure.

We are now setting about a very serious campaign to demonstrate to the members of the Senate that the organized suffragists of the State do not want a State Amendment. I believe we will be successful in this.

A Presidential Bill was introduced into the House Thursday and a similar bill will be introduced into the Senate before many days. Now this State Amendment situation musses up our affairs in Minnesota very greatly, but I think the sentiment for suffrage is so strong in the Legislature that we can get a Presidential Bill through, even though we may arouse opposition because of our stand on the State Amendment Bill.

Sincerely yours,

State President.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)  
AU/AT.



January 25, 1919.

Mrs. Peter Olesen,  
Cloquet, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Olesen:

I just find time to answer your valued favor of the 19th.

You undoubtedly know both the concurrent resolution memorializing congress to submit the equal suffrage amendment and the bill proposing an amendment to our state constitution have passed the House and the former has passed the Senate.

Having at three previous sessions assisted in passing the bill proposing an amendment to our state constitution, providing for equal suffrage, and believing that if the women of Minnesota are to secure that privilege, during the next twenty years, it must be through such a measure, I could not comply with your suggestion to withdraw my bill or my support of the measure; and permit me to suggest that if you really wish the women of this great state to have this right, which has been too long denied, that you and all your friends should get behind the bill in the Senate and assist in securing favorable action. It seems to me that the women who expect to secure, in the near future, or in the next ten years, the right of suffrage by an amendment to our federal constitution, are relying upon a broken reed; that they are chasing a will-o'-the-wisp and are in fact being very much misled and deceived.

At the present time<sup>but</sup> fifteen of the forty-eight states have equal suffrage and I believe all are west of



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the Mississippi River. Granted that all of the fifteen will ratify the proposed federal amendment, if given an opportunity, can anyone tell where the additional twenty-one states are coming from? Does any really sane person with a practical mind believe such ratification would be forthcoming in less than fifteen or twenty years? Is there really any substantial basis for such supposition? Personally I believe not. I hope I may be mistaken, and I further hope that the United States Senate may follow the good example of the House and submit the amendment, but if it does I can see absolutely no prospect of its being ratified by the required three-fourths of the states.

Now, as to amending our state constitution: The bill was first passed in the house in 1913. It was passed at the request of the suffragists. Complying with their request we again passed the bill in 1915 and it was once more passed in 1917. Even though you personally may not have asked for, or favored its passage in 1917, the fact that it was passed must be evidence that there was a considerable demand and a strong sentiment for such action. That sentiment has again manifested itself and is responsible for the favorable action of the House in 1919.

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Chw-Maps.

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. H. Johnson*

*Isn't this outrageous!*  
*A.D. O.*



January 25, 1919.

Mrs. Elvira Jewell Betlach,  
103 Orlin Avenue S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Betlach:

I just find time to answer your valued favor  
of the 12th.

You undoubtedly know both the concurrent resolution memorializing congress to submit the equal suffrage amendment and the bill proposing an amendment to our state constitution have passed the House and the former has passed the Senate.

Having at three previous sessions assisted in passing the bill proposing an amendment to our state constitution, providing for equal suffrage, and believing that if the women of Minnesota are to secure that privilege, during the next twenty years, it must be through such a measure, I could not comply with your suggestion to withdraw my bill or my support of the measure; and permit me to suggest that if you really wish the women of this great state to have this right, which has been too long denied, that you and all your friends should get behind the bill in the Senate and assist in securing favorable action. It seems to me that the women who expect to secure, in the near future, or in the next ten years, the right of suffrage by an amendment to our federal constitution, are relying upon a broken reed; that they are chasing a will-o'-the-wisp and are in fact being very much misled and deceived.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. A. Warner". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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*Dear Miss Heckrich:*  
*Saturday*  
*Jan 25, 1919.*  
I worked almost as  
hard this time in Northfield as  
I did when I organized the committee  
without being able to get a chairman.  
The way things are left there is  
that ~~will~~ Mrs. Minnie Willey, president  
of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae  
is to get in touch with her  
executive board and see if they  
will not arrange a meeting for  
Mrs. Ueland to come and speak  
to them. In any event she  
will try (in a very restrained  
gentle sort of way, I am sure).

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petition. Northfield is a  
typical New England town. The  
three <sup>real</sup> dynamic, forceful women on  
the committee all have the best  
of reasons for not being able to  
organize the committee! Mr. Stockton  
at Fairbault is struggling valiantly  
with the canvass. I'm sure I'll  
meet her quota of women. She wants  
Mrs. Ueland to come down to meet the  
Fairbault women at a jubilation  
tea when the canvass is finished  
possibly the first week in February.  
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thing must be done by rail. I am  
not making a new file for Northfield  
or Fairbault. I am going to canvass  
Kasson this morning & Monticello  
this P.M., as I can motor to Monticello.  
Most places the roads are impassable.  
I wrote to all the chairmen  
in time as noted in October, and  
which have not been heard from  
and told them that to count most  
petitions should be in within 2 or 3  
weeks.

Most cordially  
Mabel H. Guise.  
I didn't mean to write this on good paper.

Mankato Jan. 25-19

My Dear Mrs. Heland -

The tentative date for your luncheon here is Thursday February 6th - Mrs. Andrews

Mrs. Helman

Mrs. Willard

Mrs. Elliott

Committee in Charge - Idea is to have it at the Elks Club or the Eastern Star - Both have attractive dining rooms - The aim not to fall below 100 in attendance - Their quota of money made clear as a minimum of \$100.00 - Letters are going to Sen. Sager and the press will again ~~explain~~ explain our position. Letters are beginning to arrive here from

The Kingsley gang. When their receipt  
is known to the faithful their effect  
is readily annulled -

There have been two ~~intended~~  
intensely disciplinary days to your  
Organizer - I will explain when  
I see you tho probably explanation  
is unnecessary -

They are quite determined  
that good shall come instead  
of their trying to carry the thing  
thru alone -

I will be on the job in Minneapo-  
lis Tuesday morning - I hope  
Clara is improving rapidly and  
things are looking your way at  
St Paul.

Faithfully yours -

Rene E. Stevens