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September seventh,
Nineteen seventeen.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Judson:

Enclosed you will find letters from the Governor, Attorney General and others endorsing the efforts of the Woman's Emergency League of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association in its work to secure the passage of the Constitutional Convention in 1918.

We would appreciate very much a letter of endorsement from you to use in our publicity work this month.

May we also use your name as a member of our state-wide Advisory Committee with whom we will consult later on about the educational work, which is to be carried on throughout the state.

Very sincerely,

Grace Wilbur Trout

State President.

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August 15, 1917.

My dear Mrs. Trout:

I am just in receipt of your letter of August 13. I wish the Woman's Emergency League of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association every success. I am sure that it can do a great work in securing a favorable vote from the people upon the proposition for a new Constitutional Convention.

I heartily endorse your efforts and I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frank O. Lowden.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout,
Equal Suffrage Association,
Tower Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

August 13, 1917.

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CHICAGO, December 20, 1917

Pres. Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago.
Chicago.

My dear President Judson:

The National Suffrage situation
has been given a tremendous impetus by the recent
victory in New York. It is a victory of strategic
value and political significance, as it doubles the
number of Congressmen who come from states having
full suffrage.

There seems to be a good fighting
chance for the passage of the now pending Federal
Amendment in Congress. Our Illinois Congressmen are
practically solid for it.

As a friend of full suffrage, will
you sign the enclosed memorial and return to me
immediately, if possible.

Very sincerely,

Grace Wilbur Trout
State President

Chicago, December 21, 1917

Dear Mrs. Trout:

Your favor of the 20th inst. is received. I am herewith returning the memorial, unsigned. In my opinion this is a matter wholly for the states, and I am not at all in favor of a federal amendment which would force on any state a matter of this kind contrary to its will.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout
Illinois Equal Suffrage Association
Tower Bldg., Madison St. & Michigan Ave.
Chicago

Chicago, December 21, 1917

Dear Mrs. Trent:

Your favor of the
20th inst. is received. I am herewith
returning the memorial, unsigned. In
my opinion this is a matter wholly for
the states, and I am not at all in favor
of a federal amendment which would force
on any state a matter of this kind
contrary to its will.

Very truly yours,

H. P. L. - L.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trent
Illinois Equal Suffrage Association
Tower Bldg., Madison St. & Michigan Ave.
Chicago

August 31, 1917.

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A letter from the Attorney General
of the State of Illinois to the Woman's
Emergency League of the Illinois Equal
Suffrage Association.

Ladies:

The limitation of Woman's Suffrage in Illinois to the offices not enumerated in the Constitution produces an illogical and anomalous situation. It is justified only because the general assembly could grant no fuller suffrage without the submission of an amendment to the Constitution.

The method of amending the Constitution is so restricted as to make complete suffrage by that course decidedly doubtful.

A Constitutional Convention affords the surest and most direct method of securing equal suffrage.

The partial suffrage granted to women has been exercised so wisely that complete suffrage could not, in my judgment, be successfully opposed in a Constitutional Convention.

The adoption of the Constitutional Convention resolution, in 1918, is essential to bring about other and important changes made necessary by the lapse of time, and by the present world war. Before this deluge of blood we needed changes in our organic law---doubly so now.

The Woman's Emergency League has taken an intelligent grasp of the situation and in the campaign outlined promises to perform a valuable service, not only for women's suffrage, but for the entire people.

I wish you success in your undertaking.

(Signed) Edward J. Brundage
Attorney General.

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Chicago, September 8, 1917

Dear Mrs. Trout:

Your favor of the 7th inst. is received. I prefer at present not to take any part in any of these public movements, and least of all in a way which is in the interest of any specific proposition which may come before the Convention.

Thanking you for the suggestion,
I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout
Illinois Equal Suffrage Association
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