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Dear Miss Bergman,

I am asked to send you this resolution which was passed unanimously by the Headquarters Committee at their last meeting:-

The Headquarters Committee warmly supports Mrs. Catt's view that Miss Bergman was chosen as a member of the Board of Officers for herself by the whole Alliance, not simply as a representative of the Swedish Society, and that therefore Miss Bergman's proffered resignation from the I.W.S.A. Board of Officers be not accepted.

I wish very much that we could feel that there was any likelihood of our Board of Officers meeting at not too distant a date but it seems useless to count on anything. Meanwhile Jus Suffragii acts as a useful link, which is all the I.W.S.A. can do, and we are always being bothered by a paper shortage which will curtail our activities.

I am so delighted to hear that you now have a real prospect of woman suffrage in Sweden and I hope that when you get it you will get it on equal terms with men, including eligibility to sit in Parliament.

Do you not think our British law is very typically British and an illogical compromise? One great motive in passing it was the work done by munition women and they are barred by the age limit. Then again there are all sorts of absurd restrictions: a woman who is in furnished lodgings cannot have a vote; a woman in unfurnished lodgings can have a vote. The vote may depend on whether you pay for your piano or sideboard at the time or whether you get them on the hire system! Is it not absurd? Moreover, as of course you know, we are not eligible for Parliament

ment, though as Bernard Shaw said a long time ago, what is the good of women having votes if they can only vote for men? It is almost as ridiculous as the Dutch who may be sent to Parliament by men's votes but cannot vote themselves.

We shall have many interesting things on which to compare experiences whenever we do meet, and we all hope that may be at not too far distant date.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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