

Anxiety lest women delegates shd.

MANCHESTER NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S <sup>part</sup>  
SUFFRAGE, <sup>foot wrong!</sup>

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Dear Mrs Priestman

When I wrote  
to you I did not  
know that you were  
acting under Mr  
Tommaso's advice  
I should be very  
sorry to oppose  
his advice, and  
therefore sent the

telegram

We can now

only hope that  
all may turn  
out well - ~~not~~  
though I enter  
I should feel  
easier in my  
mind as to the  
Resolution, if no  
women delegates  
had been sent  
to the Conference,  
I think it would

have been more  
prudent - not to  
press the matter of  
women delegates  
but - since the Sud  
Somerset - Association  
began it - your  
Association could not  
have avoided  
the danger -  
All depends now  
on the prudence  
and self control  
of the delegates - you  
know how ready

men are to catch  
at the slightest way  
in a woman that  
they think strange  
I do very earnestly  
wish that the women  
delegates would have  
the self denial to  
omit themselves  
to other -

I am glad to  
say Dr. Crosskey  
has consented  
to move the  
resolution and

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I heard from him  
& day that he  
will at once  
give notice of his  
intentions to the  
officials of the  
Conference

There is every  
reason to believe  
that the resolution  
will be carried  
the only thing that  
is likely to cause  
a defeat is

zone unloved  
incident - which  
might turn the  
current of feeling  
and set the  
mind of the  
conference the  
way was -

A dozen men  
might make  
mistakes in speaking  
and it would do

us no harm  
but - the least -  
my said my  
a woman and  
taken any might  
be fatal to our  
hopes.

Perhaps it might  
be well to see  
women delegates  
to consult together  
and afterward  
to take counsel

with Dr. Crocker  
As he will be  
the leader of the  
cause in the  
conference no  
doubt they  
will be willing  
to be guided  
by his advice  
as to the mode  
in which they

can best support  
his action  
I wish the  
difficulty had  
not arisen, but  
it will no doubt  
be met by the  
prudence and  
discretion of the  
Ladies  
Yours very truly  
W. Baker