

In sending out my first letter to the Suffragists over the State, I wish to express my great appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the Texas Woman Suffrage Ass'n in electing me to serve as its official head, and to say that I not only consider this an honor, but a high call to service. The amount of service which I shall give to this work will be limited only by the amount of time at my command, as its quality will be limited by my ability. But the results of this years work will be limited by a much greater thing - and that will be the co-operation of the Suffragists of Texas. Working alone, I can do but little, serve I ever so faithfully, but working together we can sow the doctrine of Woman Suffrage from Red River to the Rio Grande; from El Paso to the Gulf - and the harvest of that sowing will be "Votes for Women" in Texas. Let us then strive mightily for this just cause of ours.

The delegates sent by the various clubs to the Convention expressed a wonderful spirit; a spirit that is bound to win, because they realized that no cause was ever won without great sacrifices, and they did not shrink from sacrifices for themselves, nor doubt the spirit of their associates at home. One of the official acts of the Convention being to vote a self sacrifice week to be observed simultaneously over the State, at which time every loyal Suffragist will deny themselves something, and donate the cost of that sacrifice to financing the State work. The time appointed is the week beginning June 27th, and ending July 4th with a big public meeting for turning in the donations and having Suffrage speeches appropriate to the day. Since July 4th falls on Sunday, it is advisable perhaps, that we hold our public meetings the evening before. Please discuss this and let me know the feeling of your organization, and we will let majority rule. The local secretary should send out a card to all members, same to reach them the day before June 27th, reminding them of the self sacrifice week and of the public meeting. Some suggestions for self denial have already been received, as walking to save street car fare, staying away from motion pictures, and doing without desserts - however, I believe better results can be obtained by getting the matter before the organizations at once, and asking for suggestions to be sent to State headquarters. We will then list these suggestions and send them out to all of the organizations. There will be for these meetings a great call for speakers. Will you please send me a list of

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every citizen of your town who can and will make a Suffrage speech. Try to include one or more women on your program, so that our women will accustom themselves to telling why they believe in the justice of Equal Suffrage.

Enclosed find a booklet explaining the helpful idea of the Woman Journal campaign, and sample Texas blanks.

Asking your earnest consideration of these matters, and again pledging my faithful service to our righteous cause, I am,

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT.