

This answer to an inquiry of Miss Eleanor B - She is evidently referring to the Social Hygiene Association formed there and is not clear as to its plans & purposes -

December 17, 1917.

Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge, Hon. Pres.,
Texas Equal Suffrage Association,
San Antonio, Texas.

My Dear Miss Brackenridge:

Your letter of the fourteenth is just to hand in the morning's mail. There seems to be delay in mail from all camp towns. However, it finds Mrs. Cunningham still away, and as your questions are those that only she can answer properly and fully, as I feel sure you desire, am placing your letter at the top of several other important communication to which I feel she will want to give immediate attention.

As to the Texas Woman's Anti-Vice Committee, this Committee was dissolved at a meeting of the members, on October twentysecond, and followed a few hours later by the organization of the Texas Social Hygiene Association, October 24th. Mrs. Cunningham is on the Board of Directors and our Association is urging that all Suffragists join the new association. This circular was to go from the office to you today, and I therefore enclose herewith, together with several blanks. The Texas Social Hygiene Association, of course, have their own membership cards; the slips we enclose are merely duplicates, and they will issue proper card, we presume, upon receipt of our blank with the necessary check. This, you will agree, is a good way for the Suffragists to get credit, as we have written Dr. A. I. Folsom, President of the Association, of what we are doing and when these blanks go in they will carry the "Suffrage" idea and spirit.

In regard to your request that Mrs. Cunningham make arrangements by which you could get immediate response to your requests in the future, even if not now: Injustice to myself, must explain that when I returned from that two weeks' vacation in San Antonio, (you will recall meeting me at that luncheon,) I found Mrs. Cunningham had left headquarters some days previous, with no forwarding address. However, I wrote to several persons in Dallas to call this to her attention, and finally heard from Mrs. Cunningham from Dallas, Adolphus Hotel, where I presumed she was stopping, so, thinking I was doing the very best and quickest way for you, had your letter and telegram forwarded to her there, as I had no information to pass on, and had every

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reason to think and believe you would get direct response by only a few hours delay. Of course Mrs. Cunningham's oversight in not leaving forwarding address, or not advising when it was changed, was due to the fact that she was simply working so hard that she could not keep everything in mind; hence the seeming neglect to communications from you at that time. I really thought I was giving special attention and "doing to others what I would have them do to me." That it proved otherwise was truly a misfortune, though in this particular instance not my fault. This explanation, my dear Miss Brackenridge, so the matter is perfectly clear. I know so well how highly Mrs. Cunningham esteems you, and know that she wishes to handle everything possible with you direct,- and so I blundered. I see now it would have been better to advise you by wire that Mrs. Cunningham was not here and that I was forwarding; but funds were so very low then and I was without salary for six weeks and perhaps money-saving was too uppermost in my mind. The real blunder however, was in Dallas, as the hotel should have forwarded that telegram immediately. Mrs. Cunningham was then speaking for the Liberty Loan, being directed by federal authorities, you will remember.

With very best wishes and the Compliments of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

Headquarters Secretary.