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Mrs. Bertha Lee Broyles - 2

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Thanking you for this tremendous help, and also regretting that I did not have a few minutes talk with you in Waco, I am,

December 6, 1917.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Bertha Lee Broyles,
College Station,
Bryan,
Texas.

President.

My Dear Mrs. Broyles:

Your favor of November 19th to hand and would have been answered except that I am just now in headquarters for a couple of days after a very strenuous time in the field; and tomorrow start for Washington where I will attend the National Suffrage Convention and also do some congressional work for the Suffrage Amendment, and I wish you were going too.

Noting what you say in regard to the five dollars furnished you by the W. C. T. U. for advancing the cause of Suffrage, would suggest that you could not use it to better advantage than in postage and stationery for personal letters to people to arouse interest in Suffrage in general and in the Federal Amendment in particular as that is expected to be before Congress between now and the Holidays, or just after. Your Congressman is Mr. James C. Wilson, and I trust you will not only write him personally urging his support of this amendment but that you will succeed in having many letters written him from his district urging his support on the ground of political expediency, since the West has enfranchised its women and New York, the largest Eastern state, has enfranchised its women, which leaves the "solid South" (?) at a disadvantage; and on the grounds of patriotism, since America is supposed to lead the world in Democracy and practically all of our allies are taking national action upon the enfranchisement of their women who have performed such magnificent war service, and this will be America's only opportunity to maintain her leadership in the ideals which she gave to the world in the beginning. And also on the ground of state's rights, since the highest right the states enjoy is that of modifying and annulling, or adding to the Federal Constitution. If we had not that right, the states would indeed be bound hand and foot by a national government which they could never change.

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franchise superintendent and sent me \$100 as a postage
appropriation. I wish I knew how to make use of this small
amount to do any good. I am going to try to get "sentences
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College Station, TEX. November 19, 1911.

Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham,

Galveston, Texas.

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the program. But you had time to make a good impression nevertheless.

I have been campaigning for local option in four counties including my own this fall. This came to me as surprise, but it seemed to be an open door and I entered it. Coming as I did from a prohibition state my previous experience had been in suffrage campaigns not prohibition but I find the two wonderfully alike especially in the personnel of the parties. I had many great experiences in the towns and wilds of these counties.

I wonder how we can reach the ministers of Texas. The influence of the church is unusually strong in this state and some preachers resent any activity on the part of women that does not contribute directly to the filling of the church treasury or the pastoral stomach. Prohibition wins through the religious appeal. I note that recent numbers of the Woman Citizen make use of this.

Would that we had an organization comprehensive enough to secure signers to "I want to vote" cards. The New York half million made a very effective display.

I make no apology for such a long letter. There will need to be many long letters in Texas ere we become citizens. Please consider me at the service of the Cause to the extent of my limited ability.

Sincerely yours,

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Bertha Lee Broyles.

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