



AUSTIN, TEXAS. Oct. 31, 1917.

Mrs. Minnie F. Cunningham,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:-

I'm enclosing a rough sketch of the talk you made in the Woman's Division at the Farmers' Institute in July. Our little stenographer was new to the taking of notes in public and consequently many things you said were only caught in part, or entirely missed; but I'm sure that these notes will recall to you the things you said, and anyway you may wish to enlarge on your talk.

In behalf of the Woman's Division and myself, I wish to express my gratitude for the interest you have taken in our work and for the excellent address you made. You will pardon my seeming discourtesy in not having written you before to express my appreciation for your valuable assistance. I can only plead lack of time and a statewide calling calendar.

Kindly let us have your revised article at your earliest convenience, as we wish to publish the proceedings as soon as possible.

Thanking you again for your interest, and in advance for an early revision, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. M. Barrett

EBM-mt.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM: Madam Chairman, and Friends:

..... Because that is the right thing. I have been somewhat slow in reporting some of the things and some of these truths.

I am a country woman. I know just why they do that.....

It is the fault of extravagant prices. I know that in many cases, we, in our little town, wouldn't realize just what we were doing in sending visitors to the most miserable little hotel you ever saw in your life.

I know plenty of women

at the hotel. I am going to lay aside my country

awhile and discuss it. The hospitalityn of the country woman is bound-

less. We meant well.....

She was taken to the little hotel and given the usual small hotel mid-

day dinner. I have run up against them and I have felt like I would

like to of one right there. So the

great lady was taken to the hotel, while the chauffeur was taken to one

of the country homes. She had that dismal country hotel fried dinner;

he had

I believe we can get together on this and just realize what we ought

to do.

.. We haven't had time to do any work.

We will delighted in the right here and now and

see whether we are going to let the boys of the United States.....

..... We will see that your sons are protected along with

our sons, just as we would like to see them, if we have to police these

camps ourselves; but after making a strong stand I don't think we will have to do it. But if it is necessary we will do it.

(Something said here about typhoid. Didn't get it.)

That is something tangible; this other is something intangible, but far more dangerous. Take your place in this line; raise your voice in your community for pure moral conditions throughout Texas.

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I beg of you to come out for this, for it is for your as well as for our sons that you are doing this work. Investigate with us. Take your place in the line of protection ^{we are throwing} around the boys. Start an educational campaign. Go beyond. Start a complete petition(?); carry it to the State authorities. I pledge you my word we have in the State of Texas as good a law as any other State has.

That is one reason why the camps are located in Texas; just because we have that law, and if we can't

Let it be known that we are going to have pure moral conditions and that we are going to insist that the law be enforced, and that

The papers have not recommended this anti-vice organization. They have had what I call a most peculiar viewpoint, a commercial point of view.

When we had the report of the investigation that Miss Speer made, and Mrs. English(?) made their report, the reporters were tremendously

aroused. They came to us and said we will give you a write-up; the

November 6, 1917.

Mrs. E. M. Barrett,
C/o State Department of Agriculture,
Austin, Texas.

My Dear Mrs. Barrett:

Owing to absence from the office, in the field, your good letter of October thirty-first was late in reaching my hands.

So much water has gone under the bridge since I made this little talk to the Farm Women of Texas that I cannot even begin to recall what I said. As intimated by you, the notes do not make sufficient sense to be bunched, even, for publication and will therefore count for nothing. And I am most sorry that I cannot possibly take time to write you even a few lines for publication. Will you therefore, under all the circumstances, forgive and excuse me this time. I will be so glad to come another time, and then perhaps we may do better.

With appreciation of your fine work and best wishes for its continuance under your able supervision,

Sincerely yours,

President.

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