

September 1, 1917.

Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge,
Washington Heights,
San Antonio, Texas.

My Dear Miss Brackenridge:

Many times during this strenuous summer I longed for a "good talk" with you to help me keep my balance and do the best for Suffrage in the many many things that have clamored for our help. So many things, indeed, that we undertaken to push them all as vigorously as we have been besieged to do, then it could not have been "Suffrage first", but must needs have been Suffrage last.

Out of the lot we gave of our influence and service in the early spring to the "plant a garden movement" and to the food conservation work as far as amateur help seemed valuable in that work. Later we concentrated on the White Zone work and bettering the moral conditions surrounding the camps. This seemed so necessary and urgent, and no other organization seemed able to do more than pass resolutions about it. And so our State Convention empowered me to appoint a committee of which I should be the chairman to prosecute this work as vigorously as possible. This I did, and in the course of time called a meeting in San Antonio, for June fifth, of all the women's organizations, to confer on the subject. I was terribly sorry that you were away then. I had counted on seeing you and going over the whole ground with you.

The meeting in San Antonio was really wonderful, and resulted in the formation of a committee composed of the heads of all of the state organizations who would cooperate in this work, with the Suffrage president as Chairman.

We have done some very effective work under the direction and in cooperation with Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, but much remains yet to be done, so I suppose this will be the form of "war work" which will have to receive the bulk of our attention.

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And then came the University situation, with which of course you are entirely familiar. Just here I want to stop and say how happy, how very happy, we all are at the return of your brother to the Board of Regents. That and some of the other good things that have come to pass make us feel like the Psalmist felt when he sang, "When the Lord turned, again the captivity of Zion, then were we like them that dream."

But to return to my report. I did not go to Dallas to the University Mass Meeting because I simply could not. However, when Miss Gearing phoned me to come to Austin, on July seventeenth, I did go, and after conferences with the various people who were working, it was decided that I should stay and labor in the campaign; so I sent for our secretary, card index and political files and remained until the early part of this week, when I returned home "subject to call."

We have mailed you from time to time, as usual, the various general material which has been sent out in each of these various lines of work, but, lest you should not have received them or, coming under a one cent stamp, they were destroyed as "circulars" often are, I am sending you a collection of copies.

With all good wishes to you for your health and strength, and hoping that I have not wearied you, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

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President.