

January 8, 1918.

Mrs. Mary Dwyer Ross,
Brenham,
Texas.

My Dear Mrs. Ross:

Indeed, I had not misunderstood your silence and wish to thank you for the kind sentiments expressed in regard to me as President of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association. I regret more than could anyone else that this personal expense entailed in filling the office should bar me from future service. A salary would have enabled me to go on, of course, but this I would not care to accept unless it met with the unanimous consent of the Association; therefore my resignation because I am simply not physically able to meet the strain without financial relief.

Permit me to earnestly hope with you for restoration of your daughter's health. Truly you have had distress and are sorely tried. What a consolation, however, must be the two dear children you mention, and I cannot help but think if you will make a further desperate effort to "take hold" and dedicate all your efforts to the memory of the little granddaughter, for whom you could do no finer thing on earth, that the day will yet come when you will feel that there is so much you can do for her sake that life is far more than worth while.

All true Suffragists quite agree with your disapproval of the Picketers. Pray do not feel there is any atonement due me, or that you should do anything whatever to further retain my friendship.

Most sincerely yours,

MFC-EHL

President.