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Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham,  
629 Littlefield Building,  
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Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

Yours of yesterday is to hand, and replying I will give you briefly some material which you can have translated into an interview for use in favor of the suffrage amendment.

Theoretically, character, intelligence and patriotism are generally recognized as the prime qualifications for suffrage. In none of these qualifications are the women inferior to the men, and I believe that it will be conceded that in character and patriotism they are the superior of men.

Another thing: Educational legislation and the administration of laws effecting public education will in the future command greater attention than all other public questions. It goes without saying that in educational matters the women may be expected to take a much more lively and intelligent interest than the men. Therefore, they may be relied on to solve both the problems of legislation and of administration as they may affect the school interests, and to clothe them with the right of suffrage will be of immense value to the state in the development of an educational system equal to the best.

Again, our women may be depended upon, if they have the

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right to vote, as a great reserve moral force of such power as to be an effective menace to bad men who otherwise might aspire to public office.

Finally, in the progress of modern times, it is easy to see that suffrage is coming and that speedily. Texas wants to be in the vanguard of really progressive states; therefore, she should not at this time, when opportunity is present, refuse to show that she has the spirit of the times.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Dean

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