

Kissimmee, Fla., March 16, 1916.

Mrs. I. Vanderpool, Sec'y.,
Maitland, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Vanderpool:

I am enclosing herewith my report, and I regret exceedingly that I will not be able to attend, as the distance is so great.

There is a subject that will likely come up, which I strongly oppose, because I know whereof I speak. That is in asking the State Audubon Society to help with the Royal Palm Hammock project. The D. A. R. turned it down because they know some of the innermost workings. While no one believes any more than I do in bird sanctuaries, I do not think a Society should be asked to spend its money to help out and benefit land companies, as this Royal Palm Hammock, of which you have been reading and will hear more, lies on the road from Miami to Cape Sable, and the Cape Sable Land Company is a corporation amply able to take care of itself; and since they will be the beneficiaries if Royal Palm Hammock ever is made into a park, and I think ~~and~~ ~~any~~ ~~company~~ like this should help the park rather than ask the struggling Audubon Society's assistance.

A few of the Federated Woman's Clubs are helping with this scheme, but many of them are getting wise to the fact that they are doing a cat paw act.

Please do not misunderstand me, for I believe in state parks, town parks, and county parks. So if I have any voice in this matter, I would like to vote against it; or at least bide our time and await developments for another year.

Regretting that I am not able to attend, as I had fully intended to come had your meeting been at Maitland, I am

Very sincerely,

MHW-PP
Enclosure.