

Kissimmee, Florida  
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Margaret Stoneman Douglas  
Miami, Florida

Dear Margaret Stoneman Douglas:

I do want to congratulate you upon the wonderful honor in taking the prize in the O. Henry Memorial.

I have thought of you so much in the last year or two and I was in New York three months last summer and had a wonderful time for me, to get away from this little town, and while there I did some good work for the Indians and wild Florida life in the Everglades, and also arranged for the printing of the Eighth Edition of my Seminoles of Florida, which promises to be very attractive. The book is off the press and will be here this week.

I have a bigger scheme than I had before my accident three years ago when I fractured my hip. Then, I wanted 100,000 acres for preserve, now, the northern papers are thoroughly with me, as well as their news notices, one million acres, all that is left of the 5,000 square miles decided to Florida by the Federal Government. This seems to me the solution of the Everglades problem. I know you can help me in this because I am not very strong and our money is gone, so I will need the cooperation of my friends and friends of the Indians and bird life.

I am sending you a circular of my book. Anything you can say in the Miami papers will certainly help me because my publishers broke and I am compelled to handle this myself and this is a difficult proposition for one person, and the money and influence I must have.

Had a lovely letter from Mrs. Hoxie about getting up something about me and my work in the Penn-Woman's Bulletin but I do not know what they will make out of it.

I am expecting a little notice in the Miami Herald this week which will explain itself, but my address at this conference, which I will send a copy of as I am not able to go, is an appeal and I hope it can be gotten into the Florida papers, as it will of course in the Northern papers.

I have bought the Saturday Evening Post just because of you and would love to know where your prize article was published, if it has yet appeared.

May I hear from you? Thanking you so much, I am

Sincerely,

Minnie Moore Willson.

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