

Corrected before sent

Kissimmee, Florida
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Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen,
Member of Congress,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mrs. Owen:

I have had your lovely letters from you and had just about copied the work for the Seminole Vocabulary, when I received your letter saying that you would not be able to place it before Congress before next fall, so I have rolled it up and if I am fortunate enough to get to New York this summer I will have it typed up there. We have added about one hundred and fifty words, names of Florida lakes and rivers, which will give the vocabulary added interest. Mr. Willson insisted upon making the vocabulary larger, but I feel that it is large enough just as it is.

I attended the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Daytona Beach, and while the meeting was mostly technical reports, etc. Mrs. Stanley held down everything of a social nature on account of being late, still had a wonderful visit meeting so many worth while women in the hotel, Pen Women's League, D.A.R., and others. I met several of your friends from Miami. One topic discussed around the Corridors was the National Park, and I am heartily in favor of this and will work to a last minute for it but I told everyone that I thought the Seminoles' rights should be brought forward in this as I believe they would help the success of the park. I want particularly to see the 109,000 acre Seminole reservation brought into the survey as it would be protection for them by the Federal Government. While now it is simply being exploited by the white men, and the Seminoles are afraid to go on their own lands.

I read of you almost every day, and I do think you have shown the most wonderfully good sense by taking your apartment in the city. Of course you did not select this section with the ideas that I have when I get to a big city, so that I may see the Bright Lights all the time, but to be in the midst of real duties would certainly make it easy for you.

I am not sure that I will get to New York this summer, and yet I will need to go because I have worked very hard this winter trying to push the sale of my book, and I have

consequently had a great deal of publicity.

You say the cherry blossoms and everything is lovely now, and we are down here existing in the quiet little town. You may be assured that we are all very proud of you and watch with interest all you do.

Thanking you for the great interest you have taken in this vocabulary, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Moore Willson.

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