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Sept. 20, 1916.

Prof. Grace Raymond Hebard, University of Wyoming, Cheyenne, Wyo.

My dear Miss Hebard:

You were good enough to say in your last letter that if you can assist me in any way it would be your pleasure, and I am taking advantage of your kind offer almost immediately. I have long wanted a correspondent in each suffrage state who was not a politician but who was close enough to official records to be able to tell me what legislation, local reform administrations were directly and demonstrably due to women voters' influence. We have been contenting ourselves with listing man and woman-made laws, and now the antis come back and say: "Prove that the women and not the men made them."

What I want to have for every suffrage state:

- 1- The full stories of 10 to a dozen laws the movement for which was originated by women or women's organizations, and pushed by them. If your state furnishes any examples of legislation outside of the beaten track of child labor, vice, etc., such as farm conditions, good roads, etc., in which women have been vigorous, this would be particularly interesting.
- 2- The names and careers of all women legislators in your state. This should cover public career before and after election, showing the kind of personalities, aims and experience they brought to their work as legislators, as well as what good laws they actually put thro' or pushed in the legislature.

Prof. Grace Raymond Hebard, -2-

3- The figures for men and women (separate), (a) registered and (b) voting in the coming election, Nov., 1916.

This is designed to prove not that women are responsible for all good legislation but, that they have as a sex accomplished certain things that make them a desirable element in the electorate. The third question is of course to prove by figures that women vote in the same proportion as men.

Any help you will give me will, I assure you be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs. Mary Sumner Boyd) Secretary Data Department.

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Sept. 28, 1916.

Miss Grace Raymond Hebard,, University of Wyoming, Cheyenne, Wyo.

My dear Miss Hebard:

Since I wrote you, two concrete questions have come up. One is the facts in regard to the bonded indebtedness of Wyoming. In October, 1915, the editor of the Cheyenne Tribune said: "The entire bonded indebtedness of Wyoming is \$125,000. and this is soon to be wiped out." Shortly after some one - I have not the quotation at hand - said that it had been wiped out and that in addition Wyoming had in the Treasury at the moment sufficient revenues to meet all state expenses for 1916. Will you let me know the facts?

In a statement made in 1913 for this office you speak of an 8 hour bill for woman's work which failed after passing that year's (?) legislature thro' a technicality. Will you tell me what women's organizations were behind that bill and whether the bill has been introduced since or is planned to be introduced in next year's legislature?

Mrs. Catt is getting out a pamphlet on the workings of suffrage for use in the South Dakota campaign, which has brought to my attention how very much we need to know about women's part in legislation in equal suffrage states affecting agricultural conditions, good roads, conservation, rural social centres, rural schools, state work for agriculture, etc. so almost for agriculture, and almost these lines will be useful yours most sincerely,

(Mrs. Mary Sumner Boyd)

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Oct. 25, 1916.

Miss Grace Raymond Hebard, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

My dear Miss Hebard:

As you told me in connection with one of my letters that I was addressing you at the wrong place,
I am afraid that you did not receive an important enquiry I sent you. I am writing again to ask your cooperation in the matter of compiling figures for the men and women (separate of course) registered in the coming election, together, if you can get it, with as close an approximation as possible in some city or town - to the number actually voting.

Mrs. Catt is anxious to have our data on this election so accurate that we can answer for good and all the criticism that women do not vote.

In finding the vote figures we should be glad also to know what proportion of the women of your state voted the Democratic and what proportion the Republican ticket, and whether the proportions of either vote were unusually large this year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Mary Summner Boyd) Secretary Data Department.