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March 29, 1930.

Dr. Grace Hebard,
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My dear Dr. Hebard:

I shall be home from the League of Women Voters National Convention about May 4th, so I shall be ready to receive you and Dr. Downey when you come along a little later. I shall be very glad to see her again and hope she will be coming to New York along with you. I certainly would be glad to have you come to see me.

I would like to see the Wyoming bluebirds, because we do not have anything of that kind here; in fact, I think this country would be more beautiful if we had birds with brighter plumage. We have other birds that sing beautifully.

I wonder if Wyoming has done anything about the Honor Roll of the National League of Women Voters. Perhaps not, because Wyoming may not feel like raising the money, but, at any rate, I have made a contribution of \$1000 to that fund and I have divided it among the States where I thought there would be some difficulty to raise the money. If Wyoming has sent no nominations on its own account -- I want to say I have contributed \$100 toward the fund for Mrs. Theresa Jenkins and ^{\$100 for} yourself. You would not go forth and collect your own fund and I do not know who there is there to do it for you, but I hope there is someone.)

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I am looking forward to seeing you in May or later, if it meets your convenience. Let me know a few days before you come.

Yours sincerely,

Carrie Chapman Catt

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April 3, 1930

Hon. William C. Deming
Editor of the Wyoming State Tribune
Cheyenne, Wyoming

My dear Mr. Deming:

By a strange coincidence your letter in regard to the honor roll of women suffragists came to my desk in the morning and in the afternoon the enclosed letter from Mrs. Catt was received. I thank you very much for the interest that you have taken.

A memorial of \$250,000.00 is being raised to be used for the advancement of citizenship and the League of Women Voters. This League has representation and organization in forty-six of our states.

I had thought of Mrs. Theresa Jenkins as an outstanding woman who consistently and continually worked for woman suffrage. Of course this is an honor that any woman would be glad to have given to her, but yet it is an honor for which one could hardly with any degree of modesty personally work for.

Dr. Catt is a personal friend of mine and I worked with her many years for suffrage. You will notice by the letter she has given for Mrs. Jenkins and for me each \$100.00. I have worked with Mrs. Jenkins and am one of the oldest woman perhaps in the state who forty-eight years ago began working for suffrage to be granted to women of other states in the same degree that Wyoming had enjoyed. This activity on my part has not been confined to Wyoming alone, because I have gone pretty nearly across the Union in the interest of universal suffrage.

I do not know who would take charge of this proposed membership, because we do not have the League of Women Voters to further it, although there is a disposition on the part of the League of Women Voters to recognize Wyoming, as indicated in the enclosed letter. I should judge from Mrs. Catt's letter that it would be desirable to have a larger sum than \$100.00 for a possible candidate for this honor. Personally, I should be glad to help Mrs. Jenkins' cause. As to exactly how much I should send, I do not know, but I certainly ought to be able to match Mrs. Catt's donation for Mrs. Jenkins, and hence if you are to be the one to have charge of the matter, if you would I should be glad to send a check to you for this honor roll

Hon. William C. Deming -2-

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I suppose the one outstanding thing I may have done of importance to suffrage in Wyoming was that when the Constitutional Convention was in session in 1889 Mr. H.E. Teschemacher, a member of the Convention came to me and said "If the women of Wyoming want to have a continuation of suffrage it should appear in the Constitution. If the clause in regard to universal suffrage does not appear in the Constitution, then the women of Wyoming, who have voted for twenty years, would have to have a legislative measure passed and which might not be so easy to pass as would the suffrage clause in the Constitution." In consultation with Mr. Teschemacher I thought it would be wise for me to take steps to call a statewide convention, meeting in Cheyenne, asking the women to pass a resolution memorializing the Convention for a clause in the Constitution granting universal suffrage to the women of Wyoming. It happened to be my pleasure to get this Convention together and when a committee was appointed to draft the clause for the Constitution Mrs. Amelia Post, old timer, wife of Norton Post, was appointed with Mrs. William Hale, whose husband had been Territorial Governor, and myself. The writing of the clause was left to me and it was received unanimously by the Women's Convention. The petition for suffrage to appear in the Constitution was sent to the Convention and was passed without any difficulty.

In a way this carries with it some importance, but in another way some other woman would probably have done better than I did had she had the opportunity. While I am reasonably modest, I in no way hesitate to state that I should be very happy to be honored by becoming a member of the honor roll selected by women voters.

I presume that no considerable sum is expected from Wyoming, but I am sure Dr. Catt would expect that the money for the two candidates she has suggested should get a place on the roll by her donation outside the state and only hers.

I would be very grateful for anything you can do for Mrs. Jenkins, who deserves recognition, and of course I should be very grateful to you if you felt I was worthy of consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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P.S. Please return Dr. Catt's letter to me.

April 3, 1930

Dr. Carrie Chapman Catt
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My dear Dr. Catt:

I have your letter of March 29th. I have been resolving in my mind what I could do for Mrs. Jenkin's, because some way I feel she has not always received the recognition that might justly come to her, or received the recognition which I have received. I have this day matched you \$100.00 for Mrs. Jenkins and have turned over the check. I have asked the Hon. William C. Deming, Editor of the Wyoming State Tribune, to take charge of this matter. Mr. Deming was Head of the Civil Service in Washington until a few weeks ago when he came out as a candidate for United States Senator. Mr. Deming has always been very sympathetic toward the attainment of universal suffrage in the United States.

I am very appreciative of the initiative you have taken and while I am, I hope, reasonably modest, I do not hesitate to state that I would be tremendously honored and gratified if I might be on your honor roll.

Cordially yours,

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