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January 6, 1920.

My dear Dr. Hebard:-

On Monday afternoon, February 16th, the celebration of Miss Anthony's one hundredth birthday will take place. It was originally planned that this celebration was to last all day and that the story of the evolution of woman suffrage was to be told in speeches fifteen or twenty minutes long. After due reflection the Board of Directors are all agreed, with the exception of myself, that such long speeches would prove tedious and heavy. They have insisted that the program be confined to a single session. That means that the speeches must be cut down to bones. Perhaps after all it can be accomplished if each speaker will bear in mind that she will not have time to make a real speech, but instead to outline graphically the high lights of the period she is to cover. I venture to suggest that each speaker will outline the greatest accomplishments in the advance of women in her decade and will mention the conditions, incidents, or person^a opinions which show most clearly the opposition to woman's advancement. In other words, she will touch upon the light and the shadow of her particular decade.

The idea is to have ten speakers each representing decades in such way that the evolution of woman's century will be made manifest. It is an easy matter to describe the forward progress of women. It is not so easy to make it clear to the women of our time that there was an almost impassable barrier for those who marched forward in the earlier days.

On another sheet you will find the program as outlined, together with the time assigned to each person. It is intended that this program will be closed with the presentation of certificates to the suffrage honor roll and that certain others shall be decorated for service to our cause. Therefore, it is necessary that some time in the afternoon be saved for this purpose.

None of you who read the program will fail to appreciate the fact that no one has been given time enough to really tell her story in detail. Kindly read the program and wire at our expense if you will accept your appointment. Please do not fail to do it.



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If any of you are in doubt as to the events of your period and do not have time to consult the woman suffrage history or other authority, let us know and we will try to inform you.

I presume you know that the National Association does not pay expenses for its speakers. I mention this because some associations are able to do this. We spend all our money on campaigns.

The sum total of time allowed is one hour and forty-five minutes. We will omit most of the introductions, but allowing for getting up and sitting down, applause, etc. probably a half-hour more would be absorbed. This would make the time two hours and fifteen minutes. The convention opens at two-thirty o'clock and that would bring the session to four forty-five o'clock, after which we must have the ceremony of decorating the faithful.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Carrie Chapman Catt

President

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Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard,
University of Wyoming,
Laramie, Wyoming.

My dear Dr. Hebard:-

I enclose a letter such as I am sending to all the speakers at the Anthony Centennial. You will observe from that letter that my Board and I have had a difference of opinion. Evidently they are tired of speeches and insist that a whole day of them, as I had planned, would be too tedious for anything, no matter how good the speeches might be. Consequently they insisted and were unanimous about it, that we should confine this program to one-half day. You will note that we have cut all the early decades down to five minutes. You will have to throw out of your paper five minutes of material. You will know what to eject. I am sorry, tremendously sorry, but if we gave you twenty minutes or more then we would have to do the same for some of the others and that would make our program too long.

However, that you may understand that you are not coming so long a distance merely to read a fifteen-minute paper, let me tell you all the other splendid things that are going to happen to you. We are going to have a Ratification Valentine and one woman from each state is to appear at the doors in the valentine and say a little speech not to exceed one-half minute probably and which will be written for her. That is, thirty-six women, if we have so many states ratified by that time, will appear and tell the story of their ratification. It is to make fun and to give something of especial interest.

We are also to have a Procession of Victory and a woman from every state will appear in a costume of the date of her state's victory, all of which is to be worked out by Mrs. Gellhorn of Missouri. More, for your distinguished service you are to be decorated.

Such a program ought to bring any woman from the heights of Laramie down to the calm levels of the plains of Chicago. I am sure Wyoming will be in the list of the ratified by that time, and you are



Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Laramie, Wyoming

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invited to make a ten-minute speech at the Ratification Banquet. I enclose a copy of that program. I wish you to tell in this banquet speech, how the West did not understand that it was part of a national program; how the Governors put politics first and whatever else you may wish. Make it light and humorous, if you can. I know of no one who can see more humor in a situation than can you. If you do not wish to whack your own dear Governor, you can whack at the Governor of your neighboring state.

Cordially yours,

Carrie Chapman Catt

President

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January 28, 1920.

GRACE RAYMOND HEARD,
LARAMIE, WYOMING

To the Ten Speakers in the Anthony Centenary:

In order that each of you may understand what I hope for the symposium "What Happened in Ten Decades Briefly Told", I want to explain a few things. The program will be printed as enclosed. The time limit for each speaker is indicated.

There is no opportunity to recite history, It is not intended that any of you should do so. Even the description of your topic does not indicate that you must deal with it at length.

What we want to have shown is the melting of opposition before the pressure of the woman movement. We would like you to name the big things that came to pass in the period assigned to you. We would like you to name the incident indicating the greatest opposition in your period if you know what it is.

Each speech should be picked up where the decade previous drops the question, and should move on to the end. We would like all the early speakers to begin with one brief sentence, for instance: "Miss Anthony was born in 1820, and was still a little girl in 1930, but the woman movement had begun." If each one after will allude to Miss Anthony in such a sentence, it will carry out the whole program with the idea of the Anthony century which we wish to do.

In the event that any of you lack for material on your decade, let us know. We have tried to find opportunity to send you some material even without being asked for it, but the shortage of stenographic help in the office has prevented us from doing so.

Carrie Chapman Catt



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