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September 27, 1923.

Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard,  
Laramie, Wyoming.

My dear Dr. Hebard:

I have neglected you woefully since I came home. I was plunged at once into the thick of things and I need not bore you with enumerating here all the things I had to do. I was tired, too, and did not feel inclined to work more than union hours, hence I have not replied to your letters before now. You wrote me on March 17th and here I am, replying on August 27th. You cannot expect anything better of a globe trotter.

I really had to work pretty hard on my trip, since I had to make my schedule as I traveled and do more or less correspondence with the people in those countries I visited, as well as send the articles to the *Woman Citizen*.

When I came home I arrived with rather a clean slate and I thought I should have a free and easy summer, but there were many letters, many inquiries and many requests for speeches. I agreed to write two articles for pay. I felt very important over this. One of them was for *Current History* and the article will appear in the September number. It is about feminism in South America. I will order a copy sent to you. The other is a silly one for *Good Housekeeping* which I think is coming in September and if so, I will send you that also.

I finally made up a schedule of acceptances of lecture engagements and have a route already complete, leaving New York on October 27th and going straight down to Mexico through Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis, where I will speak on November 19th. From San Antonio, where I will also speak, I will "descend" into Mexico to make a survey concerning women there. I expect during the winter to visit Porto Rico, Cuba and Central America and will probably be in New York once or twice during these visits. I shall return from Mexico and spend Christmas in New York, leaving after that date for Central America. Meanwhile, I have been trying

to acquaint myself with politics and conditions in those countries. Thus the summer has gone.

We have had such a drought here that everything has been burned up and the dry leaves of the trees are falling as they should not do until October. It makes us feel that the summer is flying fast and it will soon be time to undertake the next job.

Is it not utterly miraculous that the University has "struck oil"? That is the most wonderful thing I ever knew to happen and I know of no place ~~where~~ it could happen where it would please me more than in Wyoming. I am glad you have a promising president.

*and I am glad they met.*  
I think the Pi Beta Phi should have a home of their own. This oil business is amazing, but it is likely to prove the prolific cause of much mischief in the world including war.

*House* I was very much surprised at the defeat of Mr. Mondell, but of course he would have been safe if he had remained in the Senate. Perhaps he would rather have taken his risk and be defeated than to remain there longer.

I found awaiting me your books on the Bozeman trail. I shall give myself the pleasure of reading them as soon as I finish delving into Central America. I thank you most cordially for them.

My own book was published while I was away and I could do nothing about sending copies to friends. When I came back I found the Woman Citizen had purchased a thousand copies, had been offering them as prizes and had sold so many in that way, that I could not tell without investigation who had them and who had not. I have been so busy that I have not undertaken it *and now I see that you have one. Well I am sorry I didn't send it*

I hope you are well and as full of pep as ever. I think pep is a little difficult to maintain as sixty-plus.

Very lovingly yours,

*I was interrupted a dozen times when dictating this letter, and it reads like a patchwork quilt. I thought Mr. Harding's death tragic as I thought Mr. Wilson's took down and Mr. Roosevelt's ~~un-~~ timely demise — and all three were caused by the ignorant ~~extremes~~ of ignorant people. I wonder if that is to be the fate of our presidents. I am hoping something will come from the Bakkeinger Foster interest in international affairs. The whole country is provincial but in the middle West has a terrible case of ingrowing provincialism, that amazes one. Don't let it get you!*  
*Lovingly*  
*Carrie Chapman Catt*