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NEW YORK

October 18, 1932.

Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard,  
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Dr. Hebard:

I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Downey. I do hope, before another generation has rolled around, that they will have found the cause and the cure of cancer. It takes away so many splendid men and women before their time.

Of course you are going to be lonesome without Dr. Downey, but, dear friend, lonesomeness in advancing years is the lot of all of us. The people who belong to our generation and time are sure to go and those who are dear to us grow fewer and fewer. I think the sense of loneliness aroused by the emptiness of life, which the going of many friends has brought about, is something that cannot be cured. The loss is always sensed.

The best thing is to get some soft and easy occupation which fills one's time. My engagements are neither soft nor easy for I am still working hard on the cause and cure of war. However, when the coming Eighth Conference is over, I shall not take any kind of office and do no more hard work. I shall be seventy-four in January and I would say that my time would be near, were it not for the fact that I have discovered a second cousin whose birthday is the same as mine, only when I am seventy-four, she will be ninety-three. That is positively discouraging, is it not?

Well, dear friend, listen to this. I have a brother three years older than I. He lives in California and wishes that I would go there to see him. He does not seem to have pep enough to come to see me. I am really thinking of going. If I do, I am going to try to stop over an hour or so to visit you in Laramie. I do not know that it can be done and I am not certain that I shall go, but, perhaps. This is something to dream about.

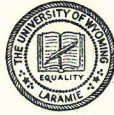
Very lovingly,

*Carrie Chapman Catt*

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I am to broadcast on Wednesday, November 2nd, 3:15<sup>P.M.</sup> Eastern Standard time.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
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October 25, 1932

Dr. Carrie Chapman Catt  
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My dear Dr. Catt:

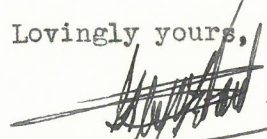
Thank you very much for your sympathetic letter of the 17th relative to the passing of Dr. Downey. I see no other way than to stand up and take the lonesomeness and dreariness of life when a two score and more years of friendship with Dr. Downey is now terminated.

I have taken down the date when you will broadcast on Wednesday, the 2nd of November. I have never heard you make a political speech but if you can approach your suffrage speeches you have lived up to the wonderful record you have. The last speech Mr. Hoover made that I heard was from Detroit. It is difficult for him to make a more wonderful, forceful, hitting the nail on the head speech, I am sure.

I hope after election you may be able to go to your brother in California and I hope that such a trip West will make it possible to see you. I am thinking that you will be traveling in the winter and it will be quite a "chore" to pack up your things and stop off a while and then get on the train again. How would it do, dear Mrs. Catt, if you came over the Union Pacific and did go through Cheyenne, if I should take the train and meet you in Cheyenne and travel back to Laramie and probably farther West with you? This would give us the personal contact which I desire and it would not inconvenience you in any way. You would still have your things all packed until you arrived <sup>at Caly</sup> I would even go further if you have to go by way of Denver. If I know in time I would like to meet you in Denver and visit with you and continue with you West for a few hours. However, I know nothing about these connections.

The thought that I may see you and soon makes me suggest the above arrangement for I believe it would be the most expedient and best for you during the winter time. We almost always have snow during November here at the top of the mountain.

Lovingly yours,

  
Grace Raymond Hebard  
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