

November 18, 1937

Dear Mrs. Catt:

Please do not think because I have delayed in replying to your letter of November sixth that I did not appreciate it. I appreciated very much, not only your birthday congratulations but that you should want me to take part in your investigation.

This matter of old age interests me deeply. I did not begin to think about seriously until I was seventy five but since that time I have been keeping watch on myself for signs of failing - mentally and physically. I had about concluded when eighty came I would be finished but so many of my friends have wished me well and seem to think that I had only begun to live at eighty that I have about concluded I shall not let them down, that I should be here to celebrate on my nintieth birthday. I do not propose to have any between.

I have answered your questions briefly. I hope you will find something in my answers which will seem worth your undertaking. I very much hope, dear Mrs. Catt, that you will let me know the outcome of what you are doing. I hope it will be something you can publish for I really think this matter of old age which seems to be thrust on us by science and more modern point of view should be considered seriously by woman who find themselves living beyond the allotted three score years and ten.

You, yourself, are a fine and stimulating example of what a woman can do in these latter years. I do not know that I have ever said to you that I think you have shown yourself more of a statesman than any woman I know of in public life. Your handling of the great cause in which you were interested in had to me the ear marks of statesmanship than that of any other woman devoted to the cause. One convincing proof of this was that you knew how to use all sorts of women for the end you sought.

With many thanks for your congratulations and my best wishes for your health and happiness, your youthfulness I know will never die.

Faithfully yours

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