OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
WELLESLEY COLLEGE,
WELLESLEY, MASS.

June 4, 1902.

President Harper,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Harper:

Your kind letter of May 29th inquiring as to what I consider the most important forward steps taken in university and college education in the past year was duly received, and I feel honored by the inquiry.

It seems to me, certainly in New England, that the most important step is the formation of the College Entrance Examination Board. You will remember that this was the College Entrance Examination Board of the Middle States and Maryland, and this last autumn by the action of several New England colleges the last part of the title was dropped, and it now becomes a Board giving examinations for the New England colleges which have joined the federation, so to speak. It seems to me that this is a step toward unification which it is wise to take.

From the point of view of the women's colleges the three great academic festivals of the year have been of special interest;—that of Yale the 19th of October and subsequent days; the Quarter-Centennial at Johns Hopkins the 21st and 22nd of February, and the inauguration at Columbia on the 19th of April. Women's colleges were better represented at these three festivals than ever before
Office of the President
Western College
Wellesley, Mass.
June 6, 1908.

President Harper
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

[Signature]

My dear President Harper:

Your kind letter of May 25th informing us of what
I consider the most important forwarding steps taken in
university and college education to the best year we have only
received, and I feel honored by the invitation.

It seems to me extraordinary that the
most important step is the formation of the College of
Prep. Examinations Board.

You will recognize that this
was the College Entrance Examination Board of the Middle
Sciences and Mathematics, and that last summer by the action
of several New England colleges the first part of the title
was dropped, and it is now becoming a Board giving examinations.

I trust for the New England colleges which have joined the
College Examinations Board to take a step toward unification, which I hope to see.

I am by the point of view of the women's colleges.

I am glad to have been of
some small service in matters of the year have been of
special interest -- that of Yale the first of October, and
the international conference of the New York's College Women's Colleges. We at
the College of the first April. Women's colleges were part
for improvement of these fine activities from our college.
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in the history of education in America, and from the standpoint of equality of education for both men and women this cordial recognition on the part of the older Universities and the progressive new University of this country was very gratifying. I had the pleasure of being at all of these celebrations, and certainly the women who were there as representatives of the institutions of learning especially for women compared very well with the men. While the number is so small as yet of representative women, of course an even higher standard is expected of women in such an unusual position than is required of men, but I think that the women's colleges had no reason to blush.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

[signature]
In the history of education in America and from the end
point of equality of education for both men and women this
cooperative recognition on the part of the other universities
and the progressive new universities of this country was very
great.

I had the pleasure of seeing a great many of them.

Cooperation and certainly the work we have done is
representative of the initiative of learning especially
for women; cooperation very well with the men. We have
women in as great a variety of departments as men, and
in as high a standard in expectation of woman in some
university position as in many of men. And I think that
women's colleges had no reason to fear.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Dec 2, 1962

Dear S. Harper,

The 51st is Mrs. Agassiz's 80th birthday, and I have been asking some of the College President's women to offer an admittance if they would like to send some note of congratulations to her, to be put in a portfolio and given on that occasion. Is it too late to receive a line from you? Since Mary Caroline Hazard