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My Dear Friend: --

Your congratulations on my eighty-first birthday were received with pleasure. I hope I shall have just so many, and no more, years as my work can be of the useful kind.

I do not see The World regularly so do not know how much you are doing for the women's cause, but I hope a great deal. The day must be approaching when the whole world will recognize woman as the equal of man in all rights and privileges that belong to the citizen. Is it not a little queer that we spread our philactries over the ocean to <sup>the</sup> Hawaii and the Philippines to clothe everything wearing the form of manhood with the rights of citizenship while we withhold them from intelligent, cultivated, tax-paying women of the United States? It is enough to drive the whole sex mad, but there is only one Mrs. Nation, and she flourishes her hatchet to good effect. Like John Brown and his nineteen men, who frightened the South more than all the preaching of the anti-slavery men, so Mrs. Nation with her hatchet has done more to make the liquor traffic tremble than all the laws and preaching put together. I do not believe that the hatchet is the weapon of civilization, but the ballot is, and I, therefore, ask for the ballot.

With best regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Susan B. Anthony*