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Dear Miss Mistral:

I feel very ashamed not having acknowledged before now your letter of last June. Part of the time I have been away from Mexico, and also, as usual, there has been very much to do; even a little more than usual because of certain things happening here in Mexico. Shortly after I received your letter I saw in the Saturday Review of Literature a little poem dedicated to you, and just in case you haven't seen it, I am enclosing a copy.

Needless to say, I enjoyed your letter very much and have been thinking a good deal about the fine ideas you so clearly express. For the moment, at least, it is going to be impossible to do anything, but I certainly hope that in the not too distant future we can do something about them. I read, however, in the papers that you will be leaving Mexico shortly for Italy. I hope you will enjoy yourself and find your visit fruitful. I should certainly like to hear what you think of the way things are going there, particularly in the cultural field.

While on my vacation in Acapulco I had the pleasure of meeting Pablo Neruda. We had a very interesting conversation, and he is indeed a very dynamic and interesting man. Personally, I can only regret that he subordinates his great talent as a poet to his inclinations as a politician. In my opinion, at least, his poetry suffers accordingly.

I am taking the liberty of sending to you, under separate cover, three pamphlets which we have recently produced here, two of which are for children. I should like to know what you think of them. I am also sending

you/

Miss Gabriela Mistral
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