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May 13, 1907

My dear Miss Tarbell:

There were so many things I wished to talk over with you! Regrets ran through my head like an endless chain. Pray advise me a day or two in advance when you are coming again, and some time for a luncheon or a drive, or better, both. I'm always glad to drop everything for special friends and congenial, long talks. But surprises and social formalities — well, no matter.

It was very sweet of the dear old lady — after what you can very guess! Don't guess! — It was no slight satisfaction to learn that you & I seem to be of one opinion, or fully understand each other, as to that matter with so many angles. You will easily be able to explain what my attitude will be, by considering all the conditions known to you.
any one of the four could do the present task much better than I. It would be very painful to me to have your to let it stand, either (I say nothing of both) my own historical back or a sentimental literary fancy I have cherished. 

If R. O. can't be induced to write a concluding sketch without troubling himself by going into the M.B., then there would be possibilities if they should come to a conclusion favorable to publishing the work I could surely get Prof. Dunning to do the sketch & cooperate with me (as we were classmates & have been intimate for over 25 years), & that would change the problem entirely, 

If there were more "business" & less upon strings.

In S.C. I spent two days at the seat of a lady whom you could probably win into a mine for your Magazine. My letter is already too long. I hope you will be this way again soon. Excepting about May 3rd, June 3rd, when I shall attend the Confederate Reunion, I shall be here until August. Sincerely yours,