

12 BRIGHT STREET  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

June 5, 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just read your autobiography with so much interest and admiration that I am impelled to write.

Redding is the old home of my mother's family, named for the Reads, (her people,) and I have a sister, Mrs Dayton, living there, and a brother, Robert Goodale, has a summer cottage and other property there. Perhaps you have met them.

We were all born in Mount-Washington and I lived there on my father's farm until I was twenty. So of course I was attracted by your reference to the mountain and to your visit there in 1898. Reading that paragraph to my son-in-law, whose parents were also Mount Washington residents in the old days, he observed that he recalled that visit very well, that he was a boy visiting his grandfather Spurr, and that after chatting with his grandfather for a long time, the Senator gave the boy a dollar! The Pattersons are connections of the Spurrs.

Like you, I am a born crusader-- my own major interest has been advancement of the native American-- and the story of your life has a strong appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin Goodale Tarbell