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Miss Elizabeth Dutcher,
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Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of July 10th. I thought that my previous communication to you fairly covered the ground. The fact, that under the circumstances to which it is impossible to take exception you are still unconvinced, hardly seems to me an exhibit of that liberal standpoint from which you are supposedly criticising Miss Tarbell.

I should judge from this that your criticism was spasmodic and unconventional, and had no relation to an intellectual equipment or logical process, and certainly betrays a little of the human sense needed in such causes as you assume to make your own.

I am speaking quite frankly and in such terms as I would use if I were writing a man. It is my observation that intolerance and illiberality, the habit of belittling persons because of some opinion held different from ones own and without reference to total character or quality, - these are the things that hurt your cause.

And may I add you are wrong again to a certain extent in your assumption of fact in this second letter. But since facts have so little to do with your judgment, that is neither here nor there.

Very sincerely yours,