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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have found the task of getting data about the women's part in last week's election fairly difficult. It is easy enough to get any amount of material about the election activities of the women politicians but exceedingly difficult to distinguish between their votes and those of the men.

The most significant thing to me is the increase in the feminine membership in Congress. I should guess that the four new members rate much higher in intelligence than the average male member. I am convinced from what I have learned of the campaign in the South that women were not more bigoted than were the men. The preachers of intolerance were conspicuously in trousers. I suspect that class by class and section by section there was not much differentiation between men and women. Consequently, I think that it would be unprofitable to start off on the principle that women were responsible for the landslide. My guess is that you might have eliminated either men or women without changing the result.

If some other approach occurs to you I should like to know about it.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Cheney