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Dear Mr. Bryan:

We were all deeply touched and deeply grateful for your letter telling us of the warm hearted reception that you gave to Will. It was a great distress that there was no one of the three of us fit for the trip to Titusville. That his and our friends there should have rallied so finely and so promptly to make the burial service something for us always to remember with pleasure and gratitude is more than we could have dreamed. Thank you for your part in all this and for your kind letter.

I am going to ask one more think of you and that is that you thank the Honorary Pallbearers for us.

It's strange how something that you knew must happen-- we knew Will could not weather his illness and weakness very long--comes as a surprise. Of course it's a release for him. He has suffered so much mentally and physically the last few years that death you knew from his face had brought him peace, but it left a big hole in our lives.

Please remember me affectionately to Mrs. Bryan. I hope you are weathering the cold spring as well as we are. We had our first real blizzard the middle of March, but there are signs of real spring and it always does come, doesn't it?

With many kind regards to you and to all the members of your family, believe me

Faithfully yours,

*Ida M. Tarbell*

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