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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th Street  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Dr. A. W. Mohn told me of his most interesting and recent conference with you and of your plans to write an article on Chautauqua in the near future for the American Scholar. There is no service which would be of greater value to us than this and no one who is in a better position to write a considered judgment upon Chautauqua's contribution to educational theory and practice than yourself.

I believe you have received a copy of "Chautauqua Publications, An Historical and Bibliographical Guide", prepared last summer by my son, Arthur E. Bestor, Jr. who is in the Department of History at Yale University. This was completed at that time because of the meeting at Chautauqua last summer of the New York State Historical Association. It is the most comprehensive statement that has recently been compiled. I am sending you a revised copy under another cover.

There are now two collections of Chautauqua publications and other material in the Smith Memorial Library at Chautauqua and in the Sterling Library at Yale. When next you are in New Haven may I suggest that you visit the Yale Library and see the alcove which has been set aside for these Chautauqua publications. Either my son, who is one of the fellows of Pierson College, or Mr. Charles E. Rush, Assistant Director of the Yale Library would be most happy to talk with you about the collection.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur E. Bestor