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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I'd meant to answer your inquiry of the 5th sooner than this, but I had to go to Cambridge and a few other things also intervened. In short, my intentions are of the best and I think affectionately of my friends but as a letter writer I am a disgrace to humanity.

I'm delighted to know that you're doing some recollections. I don't know any one better fitted to do them, not because you have attained a certain number of years but because you have always done interesting things and thought interesting thoughts about them. As to your visit to Stanford in 1910 or 1911 I am wondering if it was not the latter year. I was certainly a member of the Jordan-Krehbiel class in the History of International Conciliation, and I am sure Bliven was, also. I did not then know Anderson well but I believe he was there at the time. The reason I fix on 1911 is that I did work for the master's ~~degrees~~ during the academic year of 1910-11, and had my thesis all written in longhand when you came. Prof. Adams said you had suggested interest in its subject (English Opinion on the American Civil War) and that you might read it if I could type it. This I did by a herculean effort and you were good and gracious enough to read it, to encourage me by commending it and to recommend me a little later to Fremont Older. I went to work for him that Summer-- that is, 1911.

I did like your introduction to Dr. Giddens' book. The book is well done, I think, but your part was the best part. I hope he goes on with the story-- as I think I said in the review he should be able to do so without traversing too much of the ground you went over so long ago.

Mrs. Duffus sends her <sup>warm</sup> greetings. We don't see you half often enough and we hope that omission can be repaired soon.

Sincerely,

*Robert Duffus*

*(I return the quotation, in case you have need of it)*