November 4, 1937

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I want to be numbered among the many friends who will arise and salute you on your birthday. To all of us who are approaching the grand climacteric of forty some years, you give renewed hope and courage, you meet and conquer time so gallantly. You have had a full and useful life, and have stamped your mark indelibly on your era. A woman's age, to
be mentioned only with discretion in early years, becomes with the passing of time a sort of crown of glory, especially when, as with you, she wears it with dignity and grace. Thus I feel I may without embarrassment congratulate you on your eightieth birthday, and wish you the joy and happiness you so richly deserve.

Sincerely yours

Ernest Elmo Collins

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
New York