

West Park N.Y.,  
May 3<sup>d</sup>

Dear Ida Tarbell,

I am sorry  
I do not hear that you are  
coming this week. May be  
you can come Monday  
or Tuesday or Wednesday,  
I was sorry to disappoint  
you last Monday, but these  
Cousins of mine had come  
a long way to see me at my  
old home & I could not  
well deny them.  
Still hoping to see you & your  
friends I am

Always Sincerely Yours

John Burroughs