

KNOX COLLEGE

GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

Offices of Administration

THE PRESIDENT

June 24, 1929

Dear Miss Tarbell:

We are on the threshold of the Alumni Centenary campaign preparing to raise \$5,000,000 by 1937, which is the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the college. The centenary committee of the trustees, which met in Chicago recently to lay down the groundwork of the campaign, voted unanimously to ask me to ask you if you would be willing to be one of the national committee. We would not, of course, expect this committee to do detailed work but they would have a general supervisory function and their existence and interest will go a long way toward determining the character and success of the work. So please don't think when I say that we are not asking you to do any work that we are asking you to serve in only an ornamental capacity. The truth is far from such a statement.

We are asking Dean Jay, of Morgan & Company, to act as honorary chairman and we hope to secure someone of the level of Arthur Curtiss James or George Vincent as chairman. Dr. Finley, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blodgett, Mr. Sisson, Mr. Honnold, etc., will, of course, be members. I hope that you will consent to serve.

I am leaving for the East at the end of this week to join Dorothy and the children at Nonquitt. If you drop me a line there it will reach me in time. I shall probably be in New York several times during the summer and hope that I may see you. It has been a pleasant year at Knox and the most pleasant feature of the whole year was your visit here. We hope that you will come again.

Cordially yours,

Acacia F. Smith

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