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Dear Miss Tarbell: I have just read your article about Smith in Collier's and need to write you a note to tell you how much I appreciate it. I am deeply interested in this campaign as I believe there is a real opportunity for the discerning liberal to make his vote count for something. I am glad you are using yourself so ably in the good cause.

If it is not real democracy, I would like to know what is our salvation. Then is I am sure a great possibility for us all but the few who have social privilege in America, and I hope he will be elected.

I have satisfaction in doing my bit for the realization of our great ideals—liberty, equality, safety in the education of the freeman for American citizenship.
The diploma plan of naturalization, which we have been working on here in Los Angeles for the past 16 years, means just that. I had a great time at the N.E.A. in Dallas, securing a resolution to raise a higher standard for admission of our citizens from Mexico and recognizing the leading writers of the diploma plan as the only efficient way of educating all petitioners in our American ideals.

In Washington, I got the enclosed bill introduced for the purpose of legalizing and rationalizing the diploma plan. It has strong endorsements and I hope will be passed in the next session. Mr. Bratton, N.E.A. Secretary, has espoused the cause.

I want you to know about this because I know you can help. Hoping you are well and happy and that you will live long, my true love.