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Letter: Ida M. Tarbell to John R. Dunlap, July 24, 1920

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My dear Mr. Dunlap.

I will follow your example, and in writing tell you how much I appreciate your letter of the 23rd inst. It was a most kindly thing for you to do, to take the trouble to assure me that my introductory chapter and the Table of Contents, on which Miss Walter and I have been working, seemed to you a promising start for our undertaking.

It appeared to me that my first article ought to put the proposed work on a high and serious plane. I think by the time we get to the book, this introductory chapter will have mellowed and enlarged into a much better thing than it is now, but at the moment it is about as far as I see and I am gratified that you find it good.

Miss Walter and I both realize that our Table of Contents needs much more work. We feel that we should be liberal in putting things down--overdoing it at the start perhaps, and then to put it in more logical and finished shape as we study it further.

It is encouraging to know that your son and Mr. Thompson think that we are making a good start. I shall appreciate Mr. Van Deventer's suggestions and criticisms. I know of course of his work and feel that it will be a fine thing to have his collaboration.

I shall be back in town a week from Monday, and hope then that we shall all be ready to push things still further ahead.

With renewed thanks for the kindness of your letter,
believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Dict.

Mr. John R. Dunlap,
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