

KNOX COLLEGE
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I find that in some way I have overlooked your letter of September 27 about speaking engagements while you are in residence here. I think you are wise to avoid them as far as possible and it really is essential for the success of our experiment that you should be in residence throughout the whole period. Of course, for your private information, that is not to be construed literally, but it is nearly enough so to justify your saying that you can't take time away.

Incidentally, I have refused one or two invitations for you, knowing that you probably did not care to accept. Most of these invitations are from people who are trying to ride in on the opportunity which has been created by your coming here for a special purpose and neither you nor we want to take any risk of interfering with the accomplishment of that purpose.

I find that there is a good deal of interest in your coming and we may be in some danger of having the course over-run. However, if necessary we will set a physical limit on it, since whatever else it is it must not be unwieldy. My reference to it as a lecture course in a recent letter was a slip. I have usually referred to it as conferences or conference lectures.

Cordially yours,



Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York City.