
Dear Mr. Tarbell,

I found a time to opportunity to talk over with Mr. Scribner the subject of our conversation the other day. But I have since done so, and I am sorry to have to report that he hardly thinks it would be advantageous for us to "take over" the books, though he expressed himself as very sensible of your courtesy in making it suggest to me. It was very kind of you, and you must accept together with our coming report one most appreciative thanks. It was a nice thing to see you again — and so unchanged as Dr. Ford feels as much younger as the intervals have been long! I hope you will find it an easy matter to make satisfactory arrangements about the books, but one of my regret is that I shall not see you the other, as I might have counted on if they had been transferred here.

Sincerely yours,

W.G. III.