

→ [ \$100 from college. - in giddens case in Titusville a month ]  
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Dr. William P. Tolley, President,  
Allegheny College,  
Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Tolley:

Just a line to bring you up to date on the matter of the underwriting of Miss Tarbell's book. I find that the key men I need to see are away from home much of the time.

I saw one of them at Bradford on Saturday and he felt there would be not the slightest trouble in raising the sum of \$8,200 for that purpose. I was hopeful that he would take over the job of securing pledges from the various contributors as I have not the time to give to it myself. He was unable to assume that responsibility but said he would help. He referred me to a man in Oil City whom I tried to see this morning but discovered that he is out of town for still another week.

I did, however, have a talk with one of the prominent oil men in Oil City this morning and received assurances of his hearty support and a statement from him that he believed the fund could be readily raised. He believed also that the Oil City man recommended to me by the Bradford man could and would undertake the matter of securing the various pledges.

I shall try to see the party in Oil City as soon as he returns and if he is willing to undertake the job I shall communicate with you as soon as anything begins to happen. Meanwhile, it may be safe for you to make tentative arrangements for releasing Professor Giddens this summer for work on this job. At least I should think so from the way these two men have talked to me.

Cordially yours,

John H. Scheide

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