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My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am extremely obliged to you for your kind letter of July 25, which is very reassuring.

The whole plan for this series of books was thought out by me a number of years ago and I had hoped that when completed the set would be of enormous use to students and others throughout the country, and I still believe that the series will be very useful for library and reference purposes.

Unfortunately, as time goes on the books which were first published in the series are apt to get out of date, and unless we can complete the whole set within a very short time our loss will be a very large one.

There are now three volumes of the series still to be published, of which I think yours is the most important, and if you can, as you suggest is possible, let me have the manuscript in October, so that the book can be published early next year, it will be very useful indeed.

Yours very truly,

*George P. Brett*

Miss Ida M. Tarbell