

Coatesville, Pa.

12/30/19.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I note with pleasure that you are to speak in our city on the afternoon of Sabbath, January the 25th. I write to know whether or not you will speak in the morning or evening in the Methodist Episcopal church of which I am pastor, and if so, on what terms.

In my home, we feel that we have at least a modest claim upon you, as three members of my household are graduate of dear old Allegheny.

Two of my daughters belong to the famous Centennial class '15. I belong to the class of '95, though I am no so youthful as that date would imply, for I entered college quite late and did not get through until I was thirty years of age.

I grew up in Franklin and had an unusual opportunity to know the beginnings and methods of the Standard Oil Co., and was much interested in your expositions of methods used by John D. et al.

We would be greatly pleased if you would make no arrangement for entertainment while here, save to come to our home. We can make you very comfortable, and give you more quiet than you could have at a hotel. We are but one half square from the Y.M.C.A, and I assure you that it will give us pleasure to have you with us,

Very sincerely yours,

Thompson H. McConney