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Dear Dr. Tolley:

It was kind of you to write me a note about the books on the Steel suit which I sent. They are certainly valuable for those interested in the development of industry. I was afraid I might be over-loading your shelves. I have other things which I am hestitating about sending you but when I get on paper just what they are I will submit to Miss Rowley and then you can select.

As you know I want as soon as possible to transfer my Lincoln notes, books and correspondence to the college. Once there we can see what the needs are - they are many - to make anything like a well rounded working collection. I should like to have this a nucleus for a really good working library on the problems which led to and followed Lincoln and the Civil War. Whether my notion is practical or not I do not know, at least I should like to see the thing started. The Historical Department will take care of the future.

I am planning now to come to the Trustee Meeting which I take it is to be early in October. I would appreciate it if I could know as soon as possible. I want to come and talk over with you the matters of which we talked at the Arts Club a few weeks ago.

I have not heard from Dr. Giddens this summer. He has promised to send me as soon as he can get them in order the last analyses of source material which he is making. I am writing him today asking if I could not get these before I go on to the Trustee Meeting. Of course I shall want to go to Titusville and talk with Mr. Scheide, if he is at home, and see what is doing at the Drake Museum.

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I hope the prospects for the opening of the Fall Semister are encouraging.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Tolley, believe me

Faithfully yours

Ida M. Tarbell

P.S. I fear that I have not thanked you as I meant to do weeks ago for the copy of your most stimulating Baccalaureate Sermon "New Wines and New Wine Skins." I should take issue with you or with Dorothy Thompson whom you quote on the selection of Mr. Rockefeller, Senior, as "the father of planned economy." Economy that is for the few alone and which ignores the ethical basis of all sound economy can hardly be called "planned" that is, planned in the sense in which we use the term now. But forgive me.

Your article on "The Harvard Tercentenary" is altogether the best account that I have read. I am mighty glad to have it. Thank you for remembering me.

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