Y. W. C. A.

Meadville, Pa.

October 17, 1938

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Gramercy Park,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I cannot recall the time I have heard of you as an illustrious alumna of Allegheny. During my college training in Meadville, I received my A.B. degree at Alleghany and earned the master of arts degree at Cornell University in the fields of Latin and German. My fame is nihil and my fortune also, therefore I, a total stranger, have the effrontery to depart from convention sharply enough to write to you.

I struggled in New York city from October 17, 1929 until March 1, 1938.

These unusual times are at fault, and not myself. Were it I (for I suffered from an inferiority complex) I would admit it and face it.

I was in Meadville during the sesquicentennial and remember the honor your presence and career bestowed. To be very trite and brief, in 1929 I resigned a teaching position to care for a loved one in her last illness. The fetish for youth, although I am in my prime, has made it impossible for me to become re-established.

In New York I fulfilled literally:- "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Naturally I shrink from a letter of this type but unemployed since June 1937 my borrowing possibilities are exhausted. I want work - not charity.

I am permitted to refer you to:-

Dr. W. F. Carr - Head Latin Dept., Teachers College, Columbia
Miss Lora Helm - Head English Dept. Julia Richman High School
Miss Katherine M. Gwinn - Guidance Director, Julia Richman High School
Mrs. Leone Hanford - assistant Personnel Director, John Wanamaker
Mrs. Sara Palmer Lane, 963 Virgil ave, Ridgefield, N. Jersey
and others, if desired.

Purpose of letter:- just any suggestion that may aid in finding placement. I may return to New York in a couple of weeks.

(Miss) Frieda B. Knoeppel

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