JOSEPH BENJAMIN OAKLEAF
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth St.
New York

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It surely was good for my system to have the pleasure of reading your letter of the 14th instant. I note what you say about that last book. I had to have it. It is a really new publication and it will have a place in the Bib. When I first ordered it I thought it was a new book by you for I knew that you were getting out one, but when it came, of course, I was disappointed, but I wanted the title page anyway and now that I have it I am glad that I got it because I am buying everything that is issued. But, it is mighty nice of you to tell me what you are going to do when the new book comes out.

I am sending you under separate cover an address that I delivered more than ten years ago but it was published this summer. I was in hopes that you would occupy in the Bib more space than our mutual friend, Wm. E. Barton, of Oak Park, but he has been such a prolific writer that he will occupy more space than you for the reason that he had cut up his matter into such small parcels and, of course, you know that a ten or twelve page pamphlet will take as much room as a two hundred page book. But he is a prince of a fellow and I like him. You no doubt have met him. If not, try to do so when you are in Chicago.

My son and his wife and a President of a bank and his wife are leaving tomorrow for a short trip to Atlantic City and are going to motor through there to attend the Banker's Convention, but I think it will be a little bit cold on the Board walk. Mrs. Oakleaf is in the office now and she and my son asked to be remembered to you.

If you should have an engagement nearby Moline, let me know for I will be glad to travel one hundred miles or more just to hear you.

Most Cordially,

JB Oakleaf

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