Ida Tarbell Collection

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MEADVILLE, PA.

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WILLIAM PEARSON TOLLEY

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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am delighted to learn that a copy of the Indiana Statutes has been secured for the Lincoln Collection. Mr. Rowlingson tells me that the next issue of the Alleghenian will list some of the books that are needed and will make an appeal for general alumni support. I hope some of the students will be able to locate some of the books for us.

It would be a splendid thing to have a complete representation of the Confederate side. Allegheny drew heavily from the southern states prior to the Civil War and a great many of our alumni fought on the side of the South. You may remember that Captain James Wilson Smith was captured by Confederates who were under the command of an Alleghenian who had been one of Captain Smith's close friends. An exchange of prisoners was engineered by the southern officer for Captain Smith's release.

Will you be able to get out to Meadville for the meeting of the Board on Saturday, May 14th? I think some work ought to be done on the room this summer and we need your counsel on the location of the cases, the treatment of the floor, and the question of lighting.

We are sorry that you will not be here for commencement, but are very much pleased to learn that Tufts is to give you a degree. Mrs. Tolley joins me in warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. P. Tolley

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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