Dear Dr Tolley: — I owe you a debt of gratitude for the distinction you gave to the kindly effort of the village of Wattsburg to rescue my birthplace from oblivion. I have had many reports of what I said. You must have made the town feel that it was doing better than it dreamed.

You were much too kind to me.

I have tried to be honest in work and relationships but there are spots of shoddy-streaks of vanity and ignorance born of over-confidence. Years make one candid.

I am still — the tenth week — the prisoner of doctors & nurses but hope soon for a degree of freedom

Faithfully

Ida M. Tarbell

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