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Dear Miss Tarbell:

You may think that I have forgotten you in the rush of things during the winter, but I assure you that I have thought of you many times and had hoped to write. It has been an exceedingly busy winter. The work on the Thompson Room has dragged considerably, but at last the Treasure Room is about completed. Meanwhile, the President, Mr. Kraft and I have worked on the Lincoln Room.

At present, this is the state of affairs. The random width oak floor is laid over a new sub-floor. The woodwork is ordered and will be delivered very soon. The steel drawers for large papers, pictures and so forth are here, as is the catalogue case. The ceiling is painted. The Art Department expects to have one section of the mural completed in time for the dedication at Commencement. I think that the room will be most useable and attractive, and we are very eager to see your collection given a suitable setting. The development of the balcony will probably be delayed somewhat, although I hope to have displays upon it at Commencement time.

President Tolley is on the Pacific Coast at present in the interests of the financial campaign. The death of Mr. Olmsted was a heavy blow, both to the College and President Tolley personally. We have had a very snowy winter, with continuous cold and much ice since before Christmas.

Echoes of the Tea in New York and of other meetings have come through to us, and I am pleased to hear of the interest among the New York alumni. I hope you have been well and have not worked too hard. We look forward to seeing you in June and hope you will plan to be here for the entire Commencement. The staff join with me in best wishes.

With affectionate regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,