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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell,

As a member of the American Historical Association, I was much interested in your lecture on the early education of women. There is one point in your lecture to which I wish to refer; viz., the mention of Mount Holyoke College as being the first college for women in America.

I am not particularly interested in one college more than another, but I believe that this credit is claimed by Wesleyan College at Macon, Georgia. This college gave degrees equivalent in merit apparently to those given by colleges for men, as early as the first graduating class in 1840. This is, as far as I know, the first record of any college giving degrees to women, although I do not profess to be an authority on the subject. Perhaps you can correct my impressions.

Mount Holyoke College did not, I believe, give degrees until late in the nineteenth century, although it opened its doors to students as a seminary two or three years prior to the opening of Wesleyan College. It seems to me, therefore, that the youngest of the thirteen colonies has the distinction of opening the first college for women. New ideas seem always to have taken root and flourished best in new soil.

Yours very truly,

Matthew Page Andrews

P.S.---Recently I have had correspondence with both these colleges, and this correspondence seems to bear out my remarks in this letter, but I should greatly appreciate hearing from you as a real authority on the subject.

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