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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have been back on the job almost two weeks and have never been busier. Besides trying to get my desk cleaned up and adjust numerous problems that had arisen during my absence, I have been trying to put across what I consider a very constructive piece of work.

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 recipes, and are trying to
 teach these women how to
 plan their meals, and what to
 buy so as to make money go as
 far as possible. We found
 so many women never gave a
 thought to their meals but
 when they got the store check
 bought flour & meal, and spent
 the rest for best cuts of steak, pork

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and can goods, cake etc. Hence
the money did not last more
than a couple of days. We are
demonstrating every day to groups
of from 25 to 120 women, and
the reaching women we have
not been able to get to our cooking
classes before. The company
also gives orders for fuel. They
hope to get a certain % of their
money back when the men are
working every day, but it is
charged to a separate account
and may eventually be charged
of the books to work expense
but that will be decided later.
Rent is charged at the rate of 34
cents per day when a man is
working but when he is not
working he pays no rent, and it
is never to be charged to him.

Clothes and shoes are our biggest problem. I sent out an S.O.S. to all officials and salaried men of the Co. to give me their old clothes and I have had a splendid response. I am dividing it out to the different towns. The men's clothes and underwear that they can be patched is given to men and older boys. The rest is cut over for children's garments. We are having the women rip and wash materials and bring to Community House, and we show them how to place the patterns, cut and make over garments, and at present we are doing a big business. I have been able to interest the wives of some of the officials in supplying materials and helping. We are teaching

The women, especially colored, to make toys for their children for Xmas. out of old boxes, and to stuff dolls, and dress them. We have put some of the idle boys to work making toys out of old boxes. The Supt of 3 of the villages, where I have never had a worker, asked me to send some one there to conduct classes for the women in planning meals, cooking and making over garments. So I have opened up a Community room temporarily in each of these places and shall conduct classes there three a week as long as there is a demand.

We are putting on many free entertainments in all the

villages, making the people happy
so as to take their minds off
their troubles.

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in N. Y. that there is a vital need
for my department during depression.
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were others beside Mr. F. opposed.
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Miss Tarbell, words cannot
express to you how much good
it did me to see you and have
a heart to heart talk. Love

! afraid I must have bored you dreadfully; but you were a good listener, and so sympathetic. It was so kind of you to entertain me at the National Arts Club, and I so thoroughly enjoyed being with you. I want to thank you again for the interesting evening at Green Pastures, and your most generous hospitality. I hope you will let me return it in Birmingham soon for I am looking forward to a visit from you some time in the near future. I do wish you could arrange to come by Birmingham either coming or going on your trip this winter. If you were here now I could take you on some

lovely drive where you could
 see seven lovelier coloring than
 I have ever seen in the East.
 Such brilliant, dazzling coloring
 is most unusual around here.
 but this fall the Gods have
 favored Ababams, and all the
 different trees and shrubbery seem
 to have vied with each other in
 glorious coloring, and have quite
 outdone themselves, for the woods
 are ablaze of glory.

I did not realize how tired I
 was until I reached Atlantic
 City, and let down I went to
 bed as soon as I had dinner,
 and stayed there until dinner
 time Monday evening. We had a
 very interesting and inspiring
 conference. I spent a week at
 Atlantic City after the Conference
 but it seemed only a few days.

I spent a night and day with a friend in Baltimore, and a couple of days with friends in Washington. My dearest girlhood school friend met me in Washington. I had not seen her since I was 15 yrs. old. She is married, and living in Petersburg Va. and has two grown sons. We motored to Norfolk and got her sister Frances, who is a Christian Science teacher, and the three of us motored in Virginia for one week making our headquarters at Isabelle's home in Petersburg whenever convenient. We had such a good time and were as good friends as the 3 of us had been in school. Altho, our interests differ, yet we have much in common. The girls are connected

with many of the old Virginia families, and know the history of Virginia thoroughly. I saw as many of the lovely old Virginia houses, interior as well as exterior, and places of historical interest. I visited Randolph-Macon, William and Mary, and Hampton Institute. It was a very interesting, and instructive motor trip, and one I shall long remember.

By the way, did you receive the flowers I asked Miss Gundy to order for me? I didn't have a card and asked her to write one for me.

Do you remember Mrs. Friel who gave an informal tea for you when you were here? She is a charming & redish woman, and she

and her husband are among
the outstanding intellectual
people in Birmingham.

She has T. B. and is leaving
this week for Arizona or Santa Fe
New Mexico. She has a friend
in New York, ^{X-mas Sweden} who is there on
a fellowship studying the
sociological and psychological
conditions in America.

Her name is Mrs Fogelkron
Norlund. Her husband when
alive was Prof in University of
Sweden, and writer of some
note. According to Mrs Fies,
this Mrs Norlund is a
distinguished woman in
Sweden and a writer. She
belongs to one of the old
aristocratic families of Sweden
who own a beautiful old castle.

Mrs Fries is very anxious for
 Mrs Norbuck to meet you, and
 asked me to give her a card
 of introduction to you, which
 I did. I thought possibly you
 might enjoy meeting her if
 she is all Mrs Fries claims.
 She is stopping at International
 House. I believe.

Please pardon mistakes. My
 eyes are about worn out to sight.
 And I am writing very rapidly.

With best wishes

Affectionately

Winifred Collins

Apt D. 6 Highland Plaza. Birmingham Ala
 Nov. 16-1960.

Winifred Collin

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