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Miss Ida Tarbell
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My dear Miss Tarbell-

I have just read with deep interest of your visit to the site of your birthplace in Erie County. It ~~brought~~ ^{brought} to me a sense of my appreciation of your valuable contribution to "your day and generation" and to succeeding generations as well. I have often thought of writing you but have never had the time, I thought, to do so properly. But this evening, I shall write anyway.

My first knowledge of you was many years ago, while on a visit to my father's cousin, the late Mrs. John A. Johnston of Indiana, Pa., whose eldest daughter bore the name of Ida. I was then told that at or near the close of the Civil War, Mr. Johnston came to the "oil country" and was at your home. He was so fond of you, often holding you on his lap, that when he later had a daughter, he asked that she be named for you.

Then some time later, in the early '90's, a Missionary Convention was held in the Meth-

odist Episcopal church at Lionesta (my home town at that time). Your mother, who was there, read a paper. I was deeply impressed and wondered if I should ever be able to do such a wonderful thing. Perhaps a decade later, I became acquainted with the name of Ida Tarbell with greater charm and admiration than your valuable contributions in "The Outlook". And now, when you are mingling with your friends and admirers in this section of Pennsylvania, I have fully decided to write you.

With deep appreciation of your true worth to the world of letters, I am

Most cordially yours,
Nancy C. Morrow

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