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Dear Miss Tarbell:

The American Library Association meets at New Haven this year, the week of June 22, and Mrs. Ranck and I expect to be there the whole week, probably not leaving until the 29th. It occurs to me that if convenient to you, and you are at home at your country place out of Bridgeport, on Sunday, the 28th, we could run down and pay you a little visit, and sort of hook up with things in particular and in general, and I am sure we would have lots of things to talk about, all the way from politics and farming, to grandchildren. While in New Haven our headquarters will be at the Hotel Taft.

We have been having lots of rain here although we need a lot more to catch up with the deficiency of last year. However, things at Woodbrooke Farm look unusually flourishing, except that I have had to replant the melons because the cold rains rotted the seeds of the first planting.

Miss Clayberger was here this week, and brought a fine message from you, and we had a lot of fun at a little dinner party one evening, where Mrs. Ranck and I were part of a company with her and some of her other friends here.

As a student of biography and personality you may be interested in the enclosed little memorial of the late Lem Hillman which I saw through the press recently for our University Club.

You may also be interested in the modest beginnings of our Art School here as per the enclosed. A school of this kind is one of the objectives our Library Board has had in mind ever since 1903.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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