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My dear Miss Tarbell:

It is in poor taste to start a letter with an apology, but my long delay in answering your kind letter of July 28th is, on the surface, an indictment of me for which there can be no doubt but that I owe you an apology.

You realize, I am sure, the task imposed in trying to carry on individual correspondence with the hundreds of people who have been contacted with reference to the proposed "Old Timers" Safety Organization. This task, coupled with my regular business and extra-curricular activities in National Defense work, have rendered it impossible to do many things which otherwise would have been done.

There is no doubt in my mind but that you are qualified to become a member of the proposed Old Timers' Safety Organization. If some technicality seems to stand in the way, then I am sure an honorary membership can be arranged if you care to accept it. Your interest in and your work on behalf of human conservation in the formative days of safety have been inspirationa to many of us, and such laurels as may be fittingly bestowed upon pioneers are as much for you as for anyone I know.

I personally appreciate your kind letter and also the leaflet of your radio address on the "Personal Responsibility for Accidents." In accordance with your request, I am herewith returning the leaflet.

I know it may be an imposition to ask you to be with us in Chicago. If you can do so, I am sure you will. If it is inconvenient for you to be with us, I wonder whether you would like to have a brief message of encouragement which I may read to the pioneers at the banquet in the Stevens Hotel, in Chicago, the evening of Thursday, October 9th. I shall be leaving for Chicago on October 4th, and, should you care to send the suggested message, it may be sent so as to reach me here in Tulsa before the fourth, or in care of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, after October 5th.

With every best wish for your good health and your continued guiding influence in American Letters, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. W. Boggess

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