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Miss Ida Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

If you happen to remember a letter you had after your article appeared, from a woman who grieved because a writer of Sunday-school literature had fallen from grace, you may be amused to know that the writer, a Mrs. Fitch, tackled me while I was at Pocono Manor Inn. The lady is a lawyer, not at present practicing, able, prosperous, who devotes herself to her father, Charles Francis, dean of the New York printing trade - also to several causes, including prohibition and birth control (yes, both). She leaned over our table one evening to ask if I thought you were the Sunday-school specialist. I thought not, but didn't care to be too confident in my denials, so she looked up the Tarbells in the Who's Who - (but declined to change the letter, already written). She said, "Have you seen that article in the Woman's Journal?" I answered that I was proud and pleased to say I was responsible for getting it, and then the argument began, the lady being so very dry that my dryness seemed moist.

All of which isn't important, but I take the opportunity again to tell you how much I appreciated your writing the article - and your kindness in general. The two articles have naturally been of great and unusual interest to Journal people.

On another subject: I don't know in just what terms one says to a judge, I hope you'll consider my candidate. Still, I don't, for that reason, omit to say it. Of course I mean Mrs. Catt and the Pictorial award. It seems so obvious to us - looking over the contributions of women in recent years - that hers is outstanding; and I mean just the peace work - that steady, sound educational building of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, and its influence on public opinion to which Judge Allen refers with such confidence in the August Journal. But all this will be in the recommendations before you, no doubt. I only wanted to be one more pointing finger.

With renewed gratitude, I am

Cordially yours,

Virginia Roderick

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