334 East Walnut St.
Titusville, Pa.
July 11, 1935

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am sorry that you tried so hard to get me in New York, all to no result. I left New York for Titusville and placed myself on the operating table at the hospital, and since then have been a convalescent. I am in good shape now, except that I have to be a little careful. Knowing what I had in store for me, I left after my last examination and did not wait for commencement.

It is very kind of you to interest yourself in our work. I can assure you that I would welcome a chance to go to a small college, and particularly to Allegheny. I do not know all too much about it, but a Haverford friend of mine who taught classics there seemed quite satisfied, and I admire any institution that has the courage to make such a determined stand on subsidized athletics.

I shall be around here for some time longer and, if you think I should, I can very easily drive over and present myself to President Tolley. Here, however, is a brief recount of my academic career and qualifications:

Haverford College, A.B. 1926

New York University, M.A. 1928, PhD. 1934

University of Munich as Ottendorfer Memorial Fellow, 1928-29

Teaching Fellow in German, N.Y.U 1926-28

Instructor in German, Rice Institute 1929-30, University of Wisconsin 1930-31, N.Y.U. 1931 to date.

I have taught elementary German and also German Literature. I have also studied and taken my advanced degrees in the field of Germanic Philology.

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I am sorry to say that this letter is not a perfect specimen of typing, but I have available only a machine with which I am not familiar and I do not think that copying it over would produce much better results.

Please allow me to thank you again for your interest. I hope that in the Fall we may meet in New York. Julia and I would be only too pleased to come down and see you if you have a moment to spare.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Hook

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