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Dear Miss Tarbell:

With women organizing in the states to raise funds for the President's Archive and with Yale calling upon the world to send it its war materials as it has a fine shelter, expert archivists, and plenty of money for the care of such materials, I wonder more and more whether a "man's world" is now in the making for the first time. Hitherto I have believed, as you have written, in "women's power."

But it comforts me immensely to know that you so fully approve the effort to preserve the records of women's intents and purposes. And you are too fine a user of source materials to forget that all your notes will have value.

We do not yet have a building in which we can place our documents for student and writer use. But we are working hard for it—with very few women at the task.

It is most gracious of you to expend the energy and take the time to write me. And may 1940 bring light to the dark world. Where all the "illuminated" are hiding is surely a puzzle of these days.

Most cordially,

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