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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am just in the city today, after making a tour of the western Chautauquas in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. You surely will be glad to know that after visiting all of these Chautauquas, and going closely into their equipment, methods of business, their lighting and all that, that I come back better satisfied than ever with our own Circuit. The smaller Circuits of the West are still very crude in their platforms, seats without backs and all that. I only wish that many of the audiences in the East might know of these conditions, and they would feel very much different toward us, and our work here. The trouble is we started in with great comfort for them in every way, and they do not appreciate what they are having. I shall hope that at an early date you may be able to get an article in some of the magazines that will take a little different angle regarding Chautauquas and in the article by Harris Dickson in Collier's edition of August 12, while his final wind-up of his article was satisfactory to the Chautauqua, yet earlier in the game it I thought was very crude in its construction. In addition to any article you may publish in any big magazine, I wonder

#2 - Miss Ida M. Tarbell:-

if you would not feel like writing us a letter regarding the work, and your idea of it, and what it is doing, that we might allow our trade magazine, the Lyceum Magazine of Chicago print, in some edition soon. We like to have people outside of the work come in and see our situation and conditions, and then expect a free and honest opinion regarding it. Criticisms will be welcomed more than praise. If you care to do this at some time, and if you will give us permission to have the article printed as though it were simply a letter you had written to us, it will be read by a great many committee-men, Chautauqua managers, as well as all the people on the Lyceum platform.

Your letter just here with reference to the festivities from Akron, and this was supposed to have been sent to us immediately following your appearance there, and I supposed it had been attended to, but having been in the field all the time, I have not inquired into these collections, and I suppose the bookkeeper did not send them bill asking them to hurry their remittance, because he knew it was my Alma Mater, and he did not want to hurry them in any way. I am sure President Kolbe himself must have known where this remittance belonged, but probably somebody else in the office sent it. Yes, you were paid for this in your other settlement, and we shall be glad to have you indorse the check and forward same to us.

With kindest personal regards, and hoping I may see you personally before a great length of time, I remain,

Very truly yours,

THE COIT ALBER CHAUTAUQUA CO.

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