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415 Widener Library, Oct. 4, 1925

Dear Miss Tarbell:

If I understood correctly Professor Fox's report of his conferences last spring with you and with Mr. Brett, you are now giving your chief attention to the preparation of Volume IX of our series since Judge Gary is disposed of. This is highly gratifying, of course, and I wish to assure you again that whenever you think the time ripe I shall be glad to take up with you any problems of possible duplication between your volume and mine. Because of the great importance of the period 1878-1898, two volumes have been assigned to it, as you know, the intention being that my volume shall deal with the non-economic aspects of American life. I shall be in New York on Friday, October 16, ^W and could call on you at 10:00 in the morning (say) or at 2:00 or thereabouts in the afternoon. I shall be back again late in November, and doubtless from time to time later in the year. I leave the matter entirely in your hands, for there is no need to have a conference prematurely though doubtless it may prove desirable to have more than one conference before our volumes are ready.

While writing there are one or two matters that have cropped up in connection with the MSS. we have examined that I should like to pass on to you. Our authors have been inclined either to be very profuse with footnote citations or else to use them very little. The idea of the Editors is that citation notes should average perhaps three to every two pages. This is about

the same practice as that of the American Nation volumes with which you are no doubt familiar. In the Bibliographical Essay concluding your volume we should like to have the place as well as the date of publication; the American Nation cites only the date.

In the case of other volumes we have asked the authors to devote one division of the Bibliographical Essay, preferably the first, to the physical survivals of their period as preserved in museum collections, etc. I am not sure to what extent this suggestion is applicable to your volume, but I suspect that in such an institution as the National Museum in Washington may be found the originals of some of the more significant mechanical appliances of the period. In any case I wish that you would keep this matter rather definitely in mind.

The present name of your volume is merely a working title. In due course of time we should be glad to have you suggest alternative titles that seem to you more appropriate. Please keep in mind to our desire to use five or six illustrations with your volume.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

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