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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Now that the Owen D. Young is out of the way, you are doubtless concentrating upon your volume in the History of American Life. For that reason I am writing to say that my own book, which parallels yours, is now in Macmillan's hands and should presently be going through the press. I am urging the company to move as rapidly as possible with it, so you will be able to see what I have done with topics which are more or less common to both of us.

Meantime there are one or two things to which I think I should call your attention. In the subject outline of your volume, under the sub-heading "Literary landmarks," it was suggested that you should treat Bellamy's Looking Backward. When I came to deal with the literature of the period, however, it seemed to me that Bellamy's book as a utopian novel was more closely related to the fiction of the period than it was to controversial economic writings. For that reason I incorporated Bellamy in my treatment, leaving to you, however, as before, Henry George's Progress and Poverty and H. D. Lloyd's Wealth Against Commonwealth.

I note that under the heading "Federal regulation of immigration" in the outline there is no specific mention of the Chinese influx. Doubtless you have understood that you are to deal with Oriental as well as European immigration. There is, of course, the special book by Mary R. Coolidge entitled Chinese Immigration as well as a chapter of one hundred pages in the fourth volume of E. P. Oberholtzer's History of the United States, which has recently appeared. In my volume I have done nothing with immigration laws or the total volume of immigrants, but I have concerned myself with their distribution in various cities and sections of the country.

I recall that a few years ago you had a young assistant gathering material upon the Farmers' Alliances and Populism. Perhaps you noticed that a book by John D. Hicks entitled The Populist Revolt appeared during the winter. It seems to me a comprehensive treatment so far as the facts go.

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I have in my possession some notes concerning the reaction of public opinion toward the Haymarket Riots. Since these may possibly be of some assistance to you I am sending them along.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

Incl.

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