

Edgfield S. C.

May 21st 1901

My dear Miss Tarbell -

I ought long ago to have answered your letter of the 1st ult. The truth is, I have been so constantly on the go, since its receipt, I have really not had time to give your request the attention it deserves.

However, I will, at as early a day as possible, give you a sketch of the condition of affairs at my home, on my return from the Confederate army thirty-six years ago this month.

Think of it, then and now -
One serious objection to such
papers, is, that one has to devote
so much time and space to ones-
self. which is not agreeable to
a modest man - Besides I find
as I grow older, a natural aver-
sion to writing increases with
age -

I read your very graphic and
interesting article in the *Chimes*
for April - and was much
attracted by its cleverness -

Very truly Yrs
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