588 Danford Ave Newark, N.J.
November 7, 1937.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

About two years ago I wrote you seeing in a paper you had a birthday. At that time I put the date in my birthday book with the thought in mind I would each year remember you but last year my sister was very ill and left me on the 19th. It left me entirely alone and I have had a very lonely and strenuous year. We had a home and I am trying to finance it till I can sell and it has meant working very hard. I have had roomers and boarders and I have really surprised myself what I have done but I have great faith and hope I can carry on till I can sell. My home is in the H. O. L. C. and I find it

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quite hard to keep up but all I had and also my sister's money is in the house and I feel I want to get something from it. The great depression put us back in everything. My sister was a doctor as I think I told you but many losses and poor health effected us much.

A friend of mine who is now employed at the Social Service office at 1270 Sixth Ave., gave me the address to write to you at the Pen and Brush Club and I also saw an account of it in a Nutley paper (where I lived in the days past when I was so pleasantly associated with you). I often think of you and the advice you gave me in those days! I left the office to care for my Mother and you thought or advised me to get some one to care for her and remain in my position. I wish I had for when Mother left me in 1910 I went with my sister and I do really feel now that it is much better to remain in business especially when single. But looking back is not the best and I try to feel that what I did was at the time what I thought best but now when I am alone I feel I made a serious mistake for I was influenced wrongly.

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You have had a long and wonderful life and your influence and advice meant much to many and when you do write those reminiscences of yours no doubt I will come to you for I hope I was a help to you and meant something to you. I was 6 years old on the 3rd of October and I am not wishing for as long a life as yours but I do want to live to pay

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all my indebtedness. But I do much reading and keep young in heart and read much on all topics that may and enjoy it. I do not feel old only when I work very hard and finances are low. But I can say that when I sometimes feel the most depressed something good always comes to me and I feel that God is guiding me and that I will eventually reach the goal I am aiming for.

My friend I spoke of, Miss Emma, sent me the "The Villager" and I have read it with great interest as it told me so much about you and reminded me of the old days.

My wish for you is that you may have many more years before passing on for we need people like you in the world. I am sure I was helped much in meeting you and I often think of the pleasant times I had at your manuscripts. Sincerely yours

Anna M. Dodd.

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