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Dear Miss Tarbell-

It seems unnatural that the news of your mother's death did not reach me until last night- and that you have had no message or word from me. But and I were camping in the Maine Woods and did not see the newspapers. I know what it means to lose a good mother and it is a loss that can never be made good. Much as we love our mothers I often feel that we never half appreciate them or know what we owe them. So much love and care is hidden back there before we could know and understand and then afterwards they have a way of doing and planning and thinking things out for us without telling us

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know. Even when it is our pleasure and privilege to care for them in later years we never can make it up. I can understand in a measure how much it meant to your mother in these last years to have you. To see you doing so much and being so much more, than even the splendid doing. It must have brought great comfort into her life. Probably there will never be anyone quite so appreciative of it all as she has been. You will miss her but you will be glad to have had her for so many years, and perhaps will feel that rest has come to a weary and tired body. I hope to hear good news of your sister's health. The strain has been long for her and I am sure has told on her. Will you give my sympathy to her. When you come back to us you must know that our hearts have been with you in your sorrow and that

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We are thinking with you as you pass a milestone of life. With many affectionate hopes for your comfort

Faithfully yours—

Maitland Bartlett

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