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KNOX COLLEGE
GALESBURG ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 31, 1928

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am keeping an eye on the registration for your course with a view to holding the registration down so that it will be possible for you to secure contact with students that can not be had in a large course. You must be prepared, however, for a somewhat slow development in this respect. Our students will ask questions but they have the reputation of being a little backward to push themselves into the center of things. Other visitors have called it courtesy. I hope that is it, although I am not always sure.

I wrote you before about the possibility of living in the dormitory and I believe Mrs. Post has written you about the same thing. I hope that you won't feel that we are trying to force you. We want above all things that you shall be comfortable and that your living conditions shall be conducive to your best work. My prime reason for suggesting the dormitory quarters is because you will here meet the girls on the best possible basis, know them, and receive their confidences to a degree that would not be possible under other circumstances. I think, however, it would be well for you to fence yourself off to some extent by "sporting your oak" as the English students say. In other words, there should be certain hours when it is definitely known that you are not to be disturbed. I think, too, it might be well for us to set aside a room for your use at the college where you would be accessible to instructors and students generally for an hour or two a day. I shall see that such a room is made ready.

I shall be here when you arrive and shall be on hand to give you such moral support and vague counsel as you may require at the outset, although I shall probably be leaving for New York the middle of the week after you arrive. This time of year is apt to find

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me imitating a traveling salesman.

With all good wishes for the success that I know you will have here, I am

Cordially yours,

Robert Burns

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

120 East Nineteenth Street,

New York City.

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