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Dear Miss Tarbell;

It occurs to me that you may be interested to know of the good fortune that has come to the Library lately. January has been a gift month with us. Since you have been generous with interest in the Library I want to tell you what has happened lately.

The bulletin carried the news of some gifts of late 1934 but on the enclosed sheet there are listed the new ones and a few of the previous gifts. You will note that Mrs. Arthur L. Bates has given some of her husband's books and with her brother, the Civil War records from her father's library. I had asked both Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Bates to give to the Library collections of the speeches and papers written by their husbands. We expect to have these later. Mrs. Thompson was interested in the Living Memorial idea and sent a check for \$2000.00 to start a Memorial Fund in her husband's name. We are so pleased with this for it is the first addition of such size to the memorial funds of the Library in some time. The Bulletin did not make it clear that the Kaldrons asked for were for a supplementary file. This will be kept in the office where it will be safe from mutilation. We have a double file of the Kaldrons for ordinary use.

It is my hope to build up a considerable collection of papers by alumni and I shall appreciate at any time suggestions of names to whom to apply for such gifts. I do not wish to wait until people are dead to collect them, but wish them from able living alumni. We are getting a new pamphlet file case to care for the growing collection of this valuable material. Another thing we wish and do not feel we can now buy is a file of the magazine "Fortune" of which we have a few copies. If you ever hear of any one who might be interested in giving their numbers of this periodical it would be most welcome tip and the gift would be greatly appreciated. Also the earlier copies of the "Limited Editions" books. Miss Vought's gift of a subscription this year is helping our collection of fine books. Just now we have an exhibit in your "Lincoln Room" of fine printing and binding. Earlier there was an exhibit of 80 bibles which before the holidays attracted a lot of attention and many visitors. Dr. Beiler gave a lecture on Bibles with material from the Metropolitan to illustrate it.

President Tolley has approved the plan to connect the Lincoln room with the one behind it with an archway. The two rear rooms, you will remember, are already so connected. This will make a suite for rare and old books which when properly shelved should provide a center of interest for scholars and book lovers that will attract many to the Library to work. The collection of Americana will be housed here together with some first editions and other rare books not in the Original Library. The checking of the latter with the original catalog has now been completed. Dr. Giddens is showing good judgement in the selection of the Americana items. He was in Washington in December and saw Mr. Gregory and some of the representatives of other colleges participating in this collection of early American items.

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Dear Miss Tarbell:

We were so much disappointed that you could not be here for the opening of Tarbell house at Home Coming time. The tea was ever so nice and numbers of people came. Colonel Walker was there and beamed satisfaction over what had been done to the house. The idea of a room where you can be "at home" any time you come to Headville is gratifying and I am glad the Colonel was interested in furnishing it. The girls at the house and their chaperon are really thrilled over the feeling that it is to be your home whenever you can be here. It is wonderful what clever planning and good taste can do with as unpromising a house as this one was. The college girls used to enjoy the small cozy new type dormitories so much. Cochran Hall is also so much used and so well adapted now to caring for women.

You know of course that Mrs. Tolley is home from the Hospital after her operation and that she will when stronger go with the president to California on his business trip. Dr. Tolley seems to be able to find money even in these times. Our gifts will help our totals in this year of rather lean buying and with the additional F E R A student help we are getting a number of new projects done or old work out of the way.

My Christmas greetings were in thoughtfully, I regret to say. They never got written on a card. But I hope you did have a happy time and that you are well this winter. We shall hope to see you before too long and trust that the Tarbell room will make it easier to come to Headville.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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