

(Letter from Ida Tarbell to
Sara, from Paris - 1893)

[Jan. 1894]
Not dated.

147 Dear Sara:

The best of all my Xmas has been the news that you are safely through your operation and doing nicely. I do hope it is permanent. Don't give up until you have had all the help they can give you. I think I can send you the money I owe you, \$25.00 at least, by Feb. 1st, though I cannot be sure. I wrote to Gertrude Lockart asking her for \$50.00 I loaned her a long time ago. I disliked to do it for the child has a hard time but I felt as if I ought. She writes me that she'll give me half at least by Feb. 1st. I'll write her to send it to you. Then if things go badly with me, I'll write you for it but if I get something decent from Scribner's, I shall not need it. I really am going to make things go, I believe. It will not be very rapid speed but enough to live on and to see my way through on, which is a good deal.

I have had a lively Xmas as you'll see by my letter. I hope you were able to get home. And that you feel encouraged. I am going along steadily now after my fall vacation. I was taken sick Saturday and wasn't sick at all though was used up enough to stay in bed all day. Nothing but fatigue. I am just getting over another awful cold, think it's grippe perhaps. Do hope I'm done now with the thing.

Be very careful and keep up your courage. Please give Mrs. Chamberlain my love and gratitude for her kindness in being so good to you.

I am going to have a new dress with my Xmas gift from home, by putting an astrakan piping (29 cents a yard) around the bottom of my plaid skirt and by buying flannel and having a dark red waist edged with astrakan made to wear with it. Also a new pair of shoes which I need

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Cont. dreadfully as my old ones are split open across the top. Also new pair of
rubbers.

I hope you had pleasant holidays. Mother sent your letters
from Buffalo which I enjoy immensely.

Get well as fast as you can.

Ida.

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