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Nov. 28-28.

My very dear Miss Tarbell -

My efforts to see you today were completely defeated - Usually I plan to make opportunities ahead - but I was not quite sure of getting to Galesburg at all today - as there seemed to be many "matters" which needed to be attended to at our farm & also at Papa's house in the Village

things which must be done
in the autumn, transplant-
ing shrubs - fixing
things in our long garden,
gutters repaired, fences
chimneys repointed -
certain drains (tile-drain
which had stopped up - &c &c
these small seeming yet
important matters - which
someone must decide to do
and as my father grows
older - they naturally are mine
I shd to be at the Steers M
See more Library too, for
a few months - & expecte

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back to return — then I
found so many Rock feet
of the Cards entered & to be
done in the summer
of Greeley and a dinner
& recess — had to hear
Knox grace (or attempt at
grace —
I want to see you. I want
to be telling you how sick &
fortunate we are of
Knox to have you — there
is very anxious our students
of Godwill letter, there the full
the grade of you Just presume

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I have been so happy ever
since I knew of the possibility
of your coming — so many
thanks for coming to me. To say
that you are one of the
greatest things which has
happened to me
From the bottom of my heart
I bring sincere and
loving thanks to you —
for your precious gift to
our girls & boys! Your
wonderful message to
them at the Dorcas meeting
so much more than can be
expressed. Your acceptance

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I invitations must not
be allowed to worry me
altho' the joy I feel must
may be denied.

There are so many more
things on which I personally
want your opinion - I shd
hope to talk entirely
with you - & be your
opinion - especially about
Miss Thurman - the Woman
I mean - We need there
a splendid woman to

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marked leadership -
and one who had the broad
finer understanding of
the modern girl as well
as a firm hold on the bas
of another earlier generation
and to someone who really
loves her job - who is keen
and thrilled about her
opportunity - and who
truly loves girls - not as
a maudlin pill - but
as a definite fascinating
thing the present Dean of
Women cannot - during

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the first year, she did
seem at least eager to
take the leadership in an
active way - but last
year. There was an obvious
disinterested reserve - and
constant absence in person,
& & as much as possible, or else
an absence of apparent
interest - I am awfully sorry
to write you this way - &
know Mr Thurman spoke hur-
riedly - before the rest engaged
for this position - & gave a
mild approval only - but as
I said a moment ago I true
thought during the first few

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that she was at least trying
It would help me - Oh so much
if without decency I do so
we could form an opinion
need be formed our during
those weeks - I want to be fair
to her - but still more do I want
to be fair to the women who
depend to look to her for leadership
and inspiration - She is always
gracious to me - I like her, but
I can't desperate my estimate
from her conversation with
the women [illegible] whose hands are
three years our very mirrors
not that I want the old-time
"Principal of a Female Seminary
type" or the dry as bones
high school - grade

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Wonder - Who does not
understand Lovs hearts
& troubles - need keeps
us well - I am sure
you will Mistake me
in all I have said &
you can easily guess
how hard it is for me to
write instead of talking
face to face with you -
I don't want if a burden
but after six weeks, I feel
there that you Special
need help - I do not want

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to quote from and I
assume from Mel regard
this quite in confidence -
I am so in despair, reason
I did not see fit - and
feel depressed to have to
write what I am writing.
There Mel always the critical
I see one of - that position -
but I have been weak
but it does not matter - I
it can be disregarded
for more important and Grabel
But I wonder.
And too I feel partly responsi

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I must not attempt to
tell you my grief because
I am not living able to take
part as a hearer in my
talk on my beloved Bert.
I had looked forward to it
more than anything. I know
I had planned to have
my December number free
in order to come - but I
was not informed until
too late that you were to give
this particular talk which
meant so much to me.
Please forgive this jumbled

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Subtle - the Brain, makes
my words more than
Believe me that I long to
see you & hope to -
I wish for you over the best
and happiest days now
and always

Affectionately
Jean Brigham
(Mrs Phillips)

To
Miss Ida M Tarbell

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