

917 North Irving Street
Arlington, Virginia.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Bethel, Conn.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing to you relative to an historical project on which I am engaged. The project relates to the late President Woodrow Wilson. It is generally admitted that he was one of the greatest statesmen and world figures of the age. His historical stature will undoubtedly grow as the decades pass by, and his influence will be felt for many years to come.

I am now preparing a volume entitled, "WOODROW WILSON: AN ESTIMATE BY HIS CONTEMPORARIES." These contemporary views and opinions are being secured from the men and women who knew him, and from those who can speak with some authority.

As a profound student of history and contemporary affairs, and one who undoubtedly knew him and followed closely his brilliant public career, you will realize the value of my undertaking and will recognize the historical importance of such a work. I am endeavoring to present a picture of President Wilson as seen by his contemporaries; an estimate of him by the most distinguished men and women of his day. What impression did he make on his own generation? How will he rank as a statesman, and what place will he occupy in American and world history? Will his achievements place him among the great figures of history?

Your appraisal of him would be appreciated indeed, and I sincerely trust, Miss Tarbell, that you will honor me with your estimate, of some four or five pages in length, of this great historic character and statesman.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul A. Hill