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WILLIAM PEARSON TOLLEY

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Route 1
Bethel, Connecticut

Dear Miss Tarbell:

The arrival of an article on the Tarbell collection at Allegheny in "The Abraham Lincoln Quarterly" reminds me that I have not written you since coming to Syracuse in September. I left Allegheny on such short notice that I did not have an opportunity to go to Bethel to see you, but this does not excuse my failure to write you. During and after the time I made my decision I had several conferences in New York with Preston Beazell and Jim Mills and on one occasion Mr. Mills read a letter he had received from you.

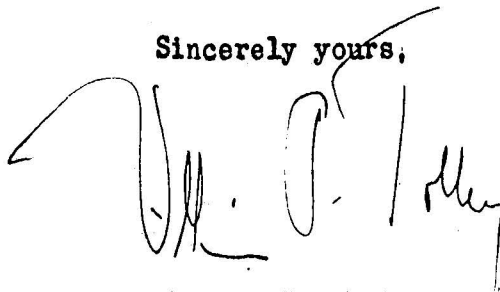
It was not easy to say good-bye to Allegheny. Mrs. Tolley and I had eleven rich and happy years in Meadville, and the college had become a part of our lives. Dr. Schultz has kept us in touch with Allegheny's progress since September, and we were pleased when the trustees elected him president. I was worried about his health in 1940, but he seems to thrive on increased responsibility.

Mrs. Tolley was in Meadville a week ago for some dental work, and she stayed with President and Mrs. Schultz. She brought back a most interesting report, full of good news. Apparently the number of civilian students is larger than had been expected, and the outlook for enrollment in the fall is excellent.

We hope you are having a pleasant summer at Bethel and that there has been an improvement in your health. Sometime when we are not troubled by gasoline rationing, Mrs. Tolley and I may be able to visit you and tell you how much your loyalty and friendship meant during our years at Allegheny.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



William P. Tolley

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