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Dear Mrs. Mackay:

I have been turning over your letter urging me to join your Suffrage Committee ever since I came back from my sister. I certainly do not object to belonging to a body which is considering the question, for that is precisely what I am doing; but I do not want to ally myself with one whose aim is securing suffrage. If your body is in the former class, as I take it from the second letter, there is nothing inconsistent in my joining it; if in the latter, I should consider myself out of place in it and a hindrance rather than a help to you. If you really are of all shades of opinion, I should like to come in, though I should prefer not to go on a sub-committee until more certain that I was not too far away from you as a whole in views to be useless. Will you take me then in this uncertain mind? If so, you may count on me for the committee meetings whenever I am in town. Unfortunately I cannot be here for the 29th. I always spend Thanksgiving holiday with my family and I cannot get back before Friday evening. I am sorry both to miss you and the meeting. Can we not get together soon and talk it over?

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) Ida M. Tarbell

Sunday, November 15th