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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd which reached us in Mr. Epstein's absence. He is making a speaking tour in Ohio and Tennessee and is expected back at the end of this week. Mr. Epstein will be in the office regularly, after his return, and I am sure he will be delighted to have a talk with you at any time convenient to yourself. Will you please telephone the office for an appointment?

In regard to the legal obligations of children towards the support of parents, I shall quote the following section from the New York Old Age Security Act covering this point:

"Liability of relatives to support." The husband, wife, father, mother, grandparent, child or grandchild of a recipient of public relief or of a person liable to become in need of public relief shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the support of such person. Step-parents shall in like manner be responsible for the support of minor step-children."

Practically all the laws include this section.

As you say, there is no federal legislation on old age pensions as yet, but we are indeed hopeful that Congress will enact at least the old age pension section of the Wagner-Lewis-Doughton bill. We have done all we could on this and are now waiting for developments.

Mr. Epstein will, I am sure, be very happy to discuss the entire situation with you when he returns.

Thanking you for your letter, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*B. Freundel*  
Secretary to Mr. Epstein