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Pittsboro, Conn.

January 6, 1916.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your esteemed favor
of the 31st inst. is duly received.

In answer to your letter, I have
to say that I am in no hurry to send
the manuscript to the publisher, until
I receive copies of letters (eight or ten)
which have been promised. It may be
four or six months before they are all in.

I am very grateful for your
willingness to write the introduction, and
will visit New York sometime in early
spring to have a talk with you and
show you the valuable material to be

added to Mr. Sinclair's Works. I
think it will surprise you to find
so many important and interesting
letters in the collection. They have been
mostly brought to light since the Sinclair
Centennial: much more so interesting
people than they brought forward whatever
letters in their keeping.

I am approaching Messrs.
Houghton Mifflin Co to publish, but
they desire to look over the material
thoroughly before deciding. If they do
not take the publishing, I shall visit
the Publishers.

If I get the material com-
pleted and ready for the press by late
autumn, will that allow you sufficient
time to write the introduction?

I am very pleased to think

there is a probability your writing
the introduction. Your "Life of Sinclair"
and other writings pertaining to him,
brought you more activity and just
so, as you put out his character in a
true and broader light.

I am

Very truly yours,
Gilbert A. Tracy