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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell

At a special meeting of the Authors Club last week we changed our Constitution so that women may be admitted. Our reason for doing this was that we felt that the Club had ceased to represent literary America, since the women who take so large and important a part in modern writing are left out. It is our hope that the leading women writers will join us and help to make the Club influence our literature in every desirable way.

Arthur Train and I have been hoping for this development for some time. We had in mind that such a group as met so pleasantly at Dr. Damrosch's a while ago ought to be in the Club.

So sooner was the vote passed than several members of the Club asked for the privilege of nominating you as our first woman member. I write now, my dear Miss Tarbell, to ask your permission to put this nomination before the Admissions Committee.

Miss Tarbell

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The dues of the Club are small - twenty-five dollars a year for Resident members, and ten dollars for Non-Resident. There is also an Entrance fee of twenty-five dollars.

I sincerely hope that you will care to join us.

With cordial regard,

Faithfully yours

John E. Eakin