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Dear Dr. Tolley:

From what you say and from what I can pick up I agree with you that Dr. Carr would be eminently worthy of a degree from Allegheny College. I should be highly gratified to have a degree given to a woman.

You are very cordial about the outline for a month's work in the College this Spring. I am looking forward to it and hoping that nothing will upset the arrangement.

As I understand it from your letter you want me to begin work the week of April 17th and to continue through the 14th of May, and that there would be three conferences a week. I should prefer the forenoon, and if it could be practically arranged I should prefer that the conferences with students come the same day as the lecture, perhaps directly after. That would give me the opportunity for resting in the afternoon. This may turn out not to be a practical arrangement. I want to accommodate myself, of course, to the college schedule.

I understand that you are to pay me \$500.00 and give me my living expenses at Venango Inn.

You say that you would like to announce the course soon so that students can include it in their second semester schedule. I see no reason now for thinking that I cannot carry out the plans. As you understand the only difficulty is my strength. I have to be very careful, but I certainly am gaining and think that I can carry out the work without too much strain. Of course if I do give out there will be nothing to do but withdraw, but I do not anticipate that now.

I shall be in Meadville about the 22nd or 23rd to look over the proposed Lincoln room and plan with Miss Rowley and Mr. Miller about equipment and decorations.

It was a pleasure to see you here. I wish you could have been at our last tea which was especially enjoyable. One thing which pleased me very much was that we had a large number of the younger Alumni, even two or three from '38.

With all good wishes for a happy holiday to you and Mrs. Tolley, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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