819 Beverly St.,
Bethlehem,Pa.,
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Miss Ida M.Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York City,N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell;-

As a graduate student at Lehigh University, Bethlehem,Pa.,I am gathering material on the life of the late Anna E.Dickinson.(Born 1842-Died 1932)- So little is known of her today,and so very little has been written about her,- except newspaper accounts,and most of those cannot be found.

However,in a book of newsclippings from the Philadelphia Public Ledger,presented under date of Sept.29,1931, to the Historical Society of Pa. the sketch on Anna E.Dickinson quotes you relative to her civil war campaign speeches.- "It is not too much to say that it was Anna Dickinson who turned the tide. Her usefulness to the Union cause during the war cannot be questioned."

This is my clue and I'm holding on to it, for you,no doubt,know as much as anyone about this subject,- and,I'm sure,knew Anna Dickinson personally. And so I am turning to you to ask your help in locating or giving me any information about Miss Dickinson that you see fit. Have you,Miss Tarbell, published any work on Anna Dickinson that I could obtain? I'm eager to get behind these speeches of hersto get her interpretation of the needs of her time,and the effect of her lectures on her countrymen and country.

This same article in the Ledger also quotes Mrs.Cady Stanton,from her sketch of Miss Dickinson.Have you any idea where this might be obtained?

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Am I too presumptuous in asking you to allow me the use of any material you might have on the subject? All such can be sent to the Lehigh University Library, Prof. Howard Leach, librarian, where I could have the use of it. It would remain at the library. Any expenditures connected therewith would be taken care of by me, of course. I might add that my husband, Harold V. Anderson, is on the Lehigh University staff, and we are permanent residents of Bethlehem.

Trusting I have not intruded too much on your time and patience, and hoping you will be able to favor me with a reply, I am

Yours truly,

Judith Anderson

Mrs. Harold V. Anderson

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