

December 26, 1938.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
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N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am deeply grateful for your Christmas greeting, and, indeed, I pray that you may have a very wonderful year in 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell, I have nine chapters written of **THE AMBITIONS OF LISBETH** and am inclosing my first one, wondering if you will not read it and tell me if I have caught your idea about the book which you so kindly suggested to me to write, in place of **SELF EXPRESSION AT SEVENTY-FIVE**. Have I done it as you would have me?

If I am too presumptuous, please forgive me. But, may I not do one more daring thing and ask you if you will not write the preface?

You will see on a separate sheet my plan and outline for the remainder of the book, of about three hundred pages.

Thanking you for your lovely courtesies to me,
I am, yours most sincerely,

Elizabeth Tarbell Hartman.

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