November 4, 1937

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I want to be numbered among the many friends who will arise and salute you on your birthday. To all of us who are approaching the grand climacteric of four score years, you give renewed hope and courage, you meet and conquer time so gallantly. You have had a full and useful life, and have stamped your mark indelibly on your era. A woman's age, to

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be mentioned only with discretion in early years, becomes with the passing of time a sort of crown of glory, especially when, as with you, she wears it with dignity and grace. Thus I feel I may without embarassment congratulate you on your eighteenth birthday, and wish you the joy and happiness you so richly deserve.

Sincerely yours

Earnest Elmo Calkins

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
New York

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