

233 Bowman St.
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Dearest Miss Tarbell,

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Yes, indeed, you may use my letter if you wish. But I had sent a copy of it to "The Woman Citizen" and it might be well to call up Miss Virginia Roderick, the editor, and ask her if she expects to publish it if you do not wish to give it too much publicity. I am wondering whether I told Miss Roderick to publish it anonymously; if she used it at all. I would rather it would not be signed.

As I sent you my last copy, will you be good enough to return it when you are through with it? I may need it for future reference.

What I wish you could do sometime is to interview a lot of the Harvard faculty individually & then prove to them that there isn't one of them who really approves, as an individual, of the

silly restrictions, but as a group they evidently let anything go through! You will see in Dean Gay's enclosed letter that he does not believe in excluding women from the seminar. I have answered his letter by saying that those things grow out of the idea of not granting degrees to women.

Mr. Brewer has at last achieved, in the Graduate School of Education, the granting of an M. A. to women. He is a Californian & very broad minded. You see the tapes issue with me concerning the separation of men & women even in undergraduate work. You know I said in my letter that I was not questioning their attitude in undergraduate work.

Do not return Dean Gay's & Mr. Brewer's letters, as I am through with them.

✓ I heard indirectly the other
day that Miss Mary Calkins
(head of the psychology dept. at
Wellesley) who, as you know,
is highly regarded in her field
(she was or is president of the
American Psychological Ass'n)
studied for her doctorate at
Harvard and when they handed
her a little slip of paper saying
she had "completed the work
equal to a Harvard doctorate"
+ sent her over to Radcliffe to
take her degree she refused to
take it at all. I have not
checked up by writing to her
but I see in the Wellesley
Record she has all sorts of
honorary degrees but no Ph.D.
I imagine she would have a
good story to tell.

It is this cautious, tread
lightly air of Harvard I

so despise. I told Helen Gay
they ought to do one of two
things, either refuse to permit
women to take graduate work
at Harvard or give them Har-
vard degrees. Felix Frank-
furter wrote to me that they
were "medieval" in their
attitude toward women.

I suppose it would be hard
to get the present women grad
students to express themselves
because they would not wish
to seem "bored" though two
of them have written that the
atmosphere was not conducive
to a modern woman's peace of
mind.

Oh yes, I want to ask you
something. Do you know
whether there is any pos-
sibility of my retaining my

3 membership in the National
Arts Club as a non-resident
or as a student? I simply
cannot afford to take out
a resident membership
for I must economize the
next couple of years, unless
I fall into a "job." I sup-
pose I ought to give up my
membership altogether
but I do hate to. I have
been so proud to belong
& it was so good of you
to get me in.

Your letter cheered me
up a lot. I wonder some-
times what has got into
me! I feel all old & dis-
illusioned & heavy hearted.
Is it middle age?

am I unwinding? is it
just that I have never really
learned how to live
unless I was going at
a terrific pace? And
that wasn't really living!

I love you, dear Miss
Tarbell, and I must get
some of your philosophy
to pull me through.

I am going to New York
next Friday night, the
twenty-ninth. Helen is
trying to find a little
shack by the sea for a
week where I can nurse
the turmoil out of my
cowardly self.

9 Have been attending my first
Chautauque (Rockport) and it
is really an experience!
Devotedly,
Mary G.