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Subject: THE WOMAN WORKER.

September 27, 1919.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East 19th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of September 18, and in reply would advise that I h ve not written anything further on the subject of your letter since the paper that was presented for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and I do not believe that I will make any further report for the present, at least, until I have had greater opportunity to observe the general situation.

For your information, however, I would advise that I have found a very great slacking of interest among women employees, particularly among those who had members of their families overseas, and who took up industrial occupation for the war period for patriotic and other proper reasons. They very quickly dropped out of their positions, however, upon the return of the members of their families from overseas, and in this respect, their action was entirely proper and to be commended.

During the war period, we gave unusual opportunities to women who desired to enter our employ. At the present time, we make no unusual effort to obtain women employees, although we have very many such employees in our various works.

During the war period we trained women for that character of employment which had previously been taken care of by men and were generally successful, but since the end of war, we have not found this necessary and are more nearly following the practice that prevailed prior to the war.

Yours very truly,

Manager, Switchboard Dept.

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