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MISS IDA M. TARBELL,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of March 18th was received during my absence in New York. I take pleasure in sending you a copy of what I tried to say in introducing you when you were here, and a copy of the article, to which I referred, in the Record. It suggested to me the idea that I might get off a little joke to brighten up the introduction, at my own expense as well as yours. I only read the article hastily, and after the meeting Mr. Moss told me that the part to which I referred had been copied from an article written by you. However, it furnished a little joke and hurt no one. I enclose also a clipping from the Evening paper and an editorial from the Record a few days later.

Sometime ago we had a movement to introduce domestic science and art in our public schools. It was one of my first efforts after I was elected as a member of the School Board. Domestic Art has been installed in four grades. The cooking departmentrather went by default. Our Superintendent was not in favor of it and he has been broken down in health, so that I saw he was not able to carry it on, especially when he did not want to do it and I am too busy myself to push it. However, at the next meeting after you were here, I took advantage of what you had said and had a motion passed by the Board to put in domestic science in all the buildings where we have room; perhaps in enough centers to accommodate all the girls who are old enough for the work, so your visit may mean a great deal to the City.

I did some visiting in New York Schools, those under the Gary System and others, and feel that I learned much in the short time I had to visit. I cannot quite see any advantages in the Gary Plan which could not be installed in any school plant without the expenditure of all the money supposed to be appropriated by the Board of Education in New York. I believe all that is worth while can be worked out in any school plant, except, of course, the farm proposition, which is only a trailer at any rate.

You must have been greatly surprised to learn of the death of Mrs. Atherton. I thought I had never seen her looking so well as she did the night you were here. It doesn't seem possible that she has been taken away. She was taken slightly

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ill on Thursday after your visit, and desperately ill on Saturday morning early; was operated upon and lived several days. There was very little hope, however, from the beginning. She was my ideal woman and their home the ideal home. She will be greatly missed in the City, as well as in her home.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

Mary L. Trescott

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