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A SCHOOL THAT ASSURES A BOY ENTRANCE TO ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S
CHIEF MANUFACTURING AND MERCHANDISING INDUSTRIES

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

FALL RIVER, MASS. February 6, 1920.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
152 East Nineteenth St.,
New York.

Dear Madam.

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant this school confines its instruction very largely to cotton manufacturing. We have day and evening classes in this work, and while there are a limited number, perhaps twenty-five women taking work in our evening classes, there are none in the day classes, and the school has never had more than two or three women in its day department. I have always felt that it is possible for these schools to teach *those wishing to become* operatives, and in such cases, of course the work would be of advantage to women. In those courses however which lead to executive positions in the cotton industry there is nothing which would appeal to women, since these positions are and always have been held by men. I am enclosing a small pamphlet which may be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Nichols
Principal.

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There has been a decided increase in the interest shown by men since the war, but this is not true of the women.