ALLEGHENY COLLEGE
MEADVILLE, PA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WILLIAM PEARSON TOLLEY

November 26, 1938

Dear Miss Tarbell:

President Tolley has asked me to send you the names of the three candidates for honorary degrees which were unanimously approved by our faculty committee. They are Leonell Clarence Strong for the degree of Doctor of Science; Edwin Prince Booth for the degree of Doctor of Divinity; and Thomas E. Dewey for the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Leonell Strong, a graduate of Allegheny in the class of 1917, is Dean of the Medical School of Yale University. He has spent much time in research on cancer and has made some very significant contributions. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University.

Edwin Prince Booth, a graduate of Allegheny in the class of 1920, holds the degrees of Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Philosophy from Boston University. He has recently been appointed Professor Church History at Boston University School of Theology.

Thomas E. Dewey, as you know, is District Attorney in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth S. Corliss
Secretary to the President.

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Memo to attach to Tolley letter of November 26th, 1938

I saw Dr. Tolley at National Arts Club as arranged. Mr. Mills telephoned he could not be there, objected to Dewey as candidate. Thought it was going out of our way. If we are to take men who have distinguished themselves in any particular line I am glad enough to take Dewey, that is ~~from~~ outside the College ranks.

Also, approved of accepting a woman chemist of Wellesley who has distinguished herself, Wolf, I think by name. Raised question of another woman Trustee - Miss Hartman. Necessary to get ten signatures from local chapters to nominate.

Spent most of our time arranging for the Lincoln collection and the biographical talk. As things stand now I am to go to Meadville directly after the Titusville party. That will be about the 22nd or 23rd of January. Arrange then for the room, particularly the decoration. Must take all the material with me and get advice here I should think about the best foundation for such work and treatment, etc., perhaps samples of maps.

This would take me probably a week, then I could spend a week in Franklin on the Booth matter.

Dr. Tolley thinks that the biographical talk better come after the April vacation. Then the books would probably be there and we could get some idea of how they are to be used in the course I have in mind, and much better for my plan.

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I give three talks a week - little time for conference which can be arranged. Live at Venango Inn and go back and forth, they to pay expenses, and give me a certain fee. Dr. Tolley is apologetic about the size, but I told him I wouldn't dream of having anything equal to what I have had in other similar institutions.

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