REV. EDGAR W. THOMSON
Pastor Presbyterian Church
UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO

Brookville Ohio, R. D. 3 Dec 13th 1910.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I have just been reading with great interest, as I always do, your article in the Nov. American, and it called to mind a determination I made some time ago, to write you concerning an article in the same Magazine last spring, perhaps in March or April, in which I thot you did an inadvertent injustice to Monmouth College in Illinoise, concerning Co-education, in which it was at least a pioneer. I wrote at once, as the date of his reply will show which I enclose, to the President of the college, from which you will see that it was openned to Young Ladies the year following Oberlin, and I am not sure but graduated a class before that College. It is the College of the United Presbyterian church, for the middle West and has among its graduates many, if not most of the famous men of that church. And among its women such as Miss Shontz of W. C. T. U. fame the Civil Engineer Sho Shontz of Panama fame in also a graduate Frogg one third to one half of the students have always been Ladies. and are now. The number of the student has perhaps always averaged 300.

I hope you will keep up your political articles. They must surely stir up some things.

Very 'espectfully &c.

E. W. Thomson

Excuse mistakes, I see my Type Writer has been playing tricks on me

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Monmouth College
Monmouth, Illinois
T. H. McMICHAEL, PRESIDENT

May 7, 1910.

Dear Brother-

Yours of May 3rd at hand. In regard to your inquiry would say that Monmouth College was founded in 1856, opening her doors to students September 3rd of that year. She received young men and young women from the first on an equal footing. The first class graduated in 1858. It consisted of three young men and one young woman, Miss Margaret Findley, now Mrs. Margaret Findley Thompson. She is still living, the only one of the class surviving. She makes her home in Monmouth.

I was glad to receive your letter. I remember you as the pastor in Kirkwood when my father was in Monmouth. I also know your brother in Greensburg very well and have met a number of times your son who is at present in Indianapolis, I believe.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. McMichael

Rev. E. W. Thompson,
Brookville, Ohio.

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