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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 13, 1931.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the Compendium of Antioch Notes which was published about a year ago. It is the nearest I have to a file of the Notes for you.

In your letter of last fall which I never adequately answered, you asked whether our students were finding it possible to go back to their home towns and to enter business in a small way. I am sorry to say that this part of our program is not working out as well as I would like to have seen it. One of our last year's graduates has gone into a country bank with his father, another is a contractor in Arizona, my own son is operating a small plant of his own here at Antioch in publishing and printing, another has a practice of his own in landscape architecture.

A good many of our students are working with institutions of moderate size and have deliberately chosen against association with very large institutions. The experience of meeting with a suppression of individuality is a very common one, and I am inclined to think it is one of the dilemmas of our present civilization. Our students feel it very keenly. Some of them go into education, and many of them are exploring for semi-independent opportunities.

One of our directors remarked recently that America and Russia are traveling toward the same goal by different routes, and that

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goal seems to be a few very large industrial organizations in which independent personality does not have the play we might like to see. Personally, I do not believe that we have the last chapter of the story. Individuality is of such great worth that I believe the time may come when people of intellectual tastes will appraise all the values offered to them and will select rather insignificant positions from an economic standpoint in order to live their lives with fullness and freedom. Quite a number of our students are already coming to that conclusion.

We are still looking forward to having you come out to look us over and to write us up again. There are a great many changes at Antioch since you were here. Can't you do it this winter or spring?

Sincerely yours,



Arthur E. Morgan,
President.

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P. S. I appreciated your Christmas card.

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