Titusville, Penna.,
Sept 1, 1916.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of Aug 29th reached me last evening and I was very glad to receive word from you.

I will send the letters, as you request, to Bethlehem on Monday, the 4th inst. I have no duplicate of the letters, but will page-proof against loss or misdirection. I ought to see you, to tell you fully about them. Of course the contents of the letters will show their value and importance.

I will also send the proofs for your editorial department. It was written with a view of publishing the letters as a Supplement, and by dispensing the first paragraph, the letters

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can be published independently of any preceding publication with preface cut short. I do not know how many words will be necessary for an introduction, but I should think four or five pages would be sufficient. Of course you know that I have not been engaged in literary pursuit to any extent — merely a reporter for a farm journal.

I taught school some twelve years, enlisted as private in the Civil War which brought to Washington for clerical duty in the War Department — since then a down farmer — now a man of leisure — on my last vacation!

Are you still contemplating writing a magazine article?

I have concluded that unless Doubleday, Page & Co. are willing to publish the letters as a Supplement to the Gettysburg Edition of the "Complete Works," I shall let Houghton Mifflin Co. publish them as they wish, in an independent volume in their finest style of book-making.

Wishing you robust health, an abundance of enthusiasm for your literary work,

Yours cordially

Gilbert A. Tracy.

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