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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Several organizations here are most anxious to have you speak before them: for instance, the Women's University Club would be glad if you could give them a talk, and also the Women's City Club would be glad to have you talk at a luncheon. How would that strike you to talk at some of these places? Of course, I imagine you would not care to speak more than once or twice a day, but we should be very glad to have you stay here ^(at the Ranck household) as long as you cared to to hook up with some of these organizations, after you give the talk to the Library. I might add that Mrs. Ranck is Chairman of the Lecture Committee of the Women's University Club. Mrs. McKnight, whom you may remember when you were her the last time as ^{an} handling the luncheon lectures at the Women's City Club. Mrs. McKnight, as I recall, gave you a tea or reception or something the day you spoke at the Fountain Street Baptist Church, some years ago. I might add that I think these organizations would want to know something about terms, etc., and you might write to them directly, or to me about that. Ten days or a week or so in advance, I think would be plenty of time for them to work the thing up in case you could do it.

I am leaving in a few minutes for Washington, to take part in the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Mr. Putnam's

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installation as Librarian of Congress, which takes place at noon tomorrow. It is supposed to be a surprise for him, and one of the features is to be a volume on various phases of librarianship, which is to be presented to him. It is published by the Yale University Press. I have the pleasure of being a contributor to that volume on a phase of library work which I should be glad to talk to you about: namely, the Social Service of the ^{Public} Library.

Very truly yours,

Samuel H. Paul

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