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MIAMI, FLORIDA

January 17, 1927.

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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I was delighted to receive your splendid letter of the 7th, and to know that you are back in this country. I know you have had a most interesting trip and have accumulated a fine lot of material for your future work.

Mrs. Shutts was greatly disappointed, as was I, to learn that you were not in New York at any time during our stay in the Berkshires last summer. I hope we may still have the pleasure of a visit from you there, as it is our intention now to return to Williamstown this summer, unless something unforeseen arises.

I have no doubt the news of the storm which reached you was most disquieting. It was bad enough, but the accounts which were broadcasted were many times worse than it actually was. Only one of the apparently substantial buildings in the business section was seriously damaged. The same was true in the residential sections, except for damage caused by broken windows and wreckage from the poorly constructed buildings. The trees and shrubbery suffered most; but thanks to our wonderful sunshine, they are looking much better, and another year or two will bring back most of the beauty for which this section has become famous.

In spite of the heavy losses sustained by everybody and in every business, conditions are rapidly becoming normal again. The disaster served to bring people together on a more sympathetic basis, and those who really had Miami's interest at heart are just as strong in their devotion as ever. This is just as true of our friends who live in other sections of the country as of the local people; and with everybody pulling together, we are going to push on to the realization of our highest hopes.

With all good wishes, and the hope that you may find time to again visit Miami in the near future, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank B. Shutts

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