Personal

148 Charles St Boston
January 8th 1910

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It must be you who has been kind enough to send me the American Magazine of late, so please accept my poor, tardy thanks and my best wishes for the New Year.

You certainly have built up a very interesting and able magazine. While it is very difficult not to read, once in hand, from cover to cover.

Your articles on the tariff make the points of contrast

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interest but sometimes
I wince under what
seems to me rather
too keen a lash when
you remember that we
are all human and with
our best struggles under
temptation sometimes
lose ground. "Vengeance
is mine! I will repay
saith the Lord"
Forgive me this word but
you are too valuable
and too powerful to
become ~~[illegible]~~ bitter and I
trust you will live to
wipe off every aspersion
of that character — prove

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the memory of men - I've was [illegible]
word in this last Daily - [illegible] reflection
upon Mr. Blaine of whom I know nothing and
Mr. Lodge of whom I know nothing but
know this in correct and true as far
as he can see and comprehend. These
letters are difficult and work carried
on in a selfish or careless spirit. That
they cannot see far enough is the fault
of something over which they have no control.
Yet as Sunday is spent his feelings towards
have been returned to Congress forever

the people because of his ideal
standards for which he was willing
to be slain and was slain — so in
a lesser degree because Mr. Lodge
has been a great man in spite of
himself Massachusetts will send
him to go to Congress again although a bad
prompted demagogue we should also lose
Jeff and may have him abroad.
But there are two special questions —
If I did not raise your pity I would
I would not venture to take up
from my heart in this way. Believe me yours
truly Bessie Fields.