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Dear Dr. Tolley:

Dr. Giddens undoubtedly will tell you of our talks here in New York in the last few days. I have been over his work quite carefully. He has done an excellent and complete analysis of the elements in the story. From his outline and his card catalogue any practical writer could make a most interesting book.

There are points which need to be strengthened perhaps but as to what they are we both agree and he has time to finish them up before the first of February. Then I think we will have a rounded preparation. Certainly I never faced a book with any thing like such complete and well classified analysis of the sources.

As I have just written Mr. Scheide I hope I shall myself be able to do the book but I can promise nothing. Indeed, I am sure he will understand that. I will do my best. At all events the book will come out one of these days.

I hope the term is ending happily at Allegheny. It was a great pleasure to everybody to have you here at our tea. I only wish I could have had a longer visit with you.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Tolley and the young people.

Faithfully yours

Ida M. Tarbell

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