

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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My dear Miss Tarbell

I am very sorry to have missed seeing you while you were here, and am looking forward to your return for the Board meeting. I, among the others, have felt keenly the loss entailed by your illness, and now rejoice that the illness and absence are things of the past.

Your letter from Grace Tabor was shown me by Miss Atwater. We are eager to take advantage for our food work of such intelligent enthusiasm. Do you think Miss Tabor would be interesting in preaching a definite Food Production and Home Economic program? The Department of Agriculture and the Council of National Defense and the Food Administration are, I understand, at work upon a program for 1918 which shall be endorsed by all three parties, and which shall carry the fundamental essentials (not possible emergency measures) of food work for the coming year. This program will have to be by States, of course, and the effort is to be made to have the people in any State doing the same thing in the same way at the same time! A difficult task when every small society has its own food program and is trying to get its own members to carry out that particular program! All the programs of these societies have some things in common, but, as much time and strength is lost through lack of a unified program we are going to make every effort to get the official program adopted and to preach it far and wide! If you think Miss Tabor would be interested in carrying forth this work do let me know about it when we meet - as I am anticipating - at the Board meeting on the 28th.

I am Sincerely yours

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