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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Owing to absence from the city, I was delayed in answering your kind letter of May 9th.

It is indeed a great honor that your association has bestowed upon me - I cannot think why, for after all, there would seem to be so many other more eminent achievements than my bronzes, that would be more deserving of such distinction. I was one of a group who made all that Field Museum work possible. It could not have been done by anyone alone. There were essential minds, and helpers both close to me and in far distant lands to whom I am deeply grateful for their collaboration.

It will not be possible for me to be present at the dinner in November. To start with, I could not bring myself to stand up and have a medal pinned on myself, and as for a speech, etc. Impossible. I am utterly helpless in that direction. Secondly, I leave soon for Europe and expect to stay there many months. I will of course regard your notification as confidential. In the 1934 Who's Who in Art I think all the data about my work is condensed into readable form.

With my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of your committee

I am most cordially yours

(Signed) Malvina Hoffman

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