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Dear Miss Rowley:

We are sending to you by Erie freight today two large boxes of books. This will be all that I shall try to send now. The correspondence which I imagine is going to be the most valuable part of the collection I must keep as long as I am able to work here. The same is true of the analyses. I also am keeping perhaps a hundred volumes for use on Lincoln work I have on hand. I shall send a small box of notes and books to Venango Inn for use in my conferences.

I am afraid that the slowness in getting the material there has been an annoyance to you, but I couldn't do better. The sorting and classifying has been a much bigger job than I realized. I did not know what I had as I think I have told you before. All that I have sent is a starter on which I hope we can build something useful.

I shall go to Meadville probably the night of the thirteenth, that will give me Friday and Saturday to look over the situation and prepare for the start on Monday, the seventeenth.

I am sure I am going to find it an interesting adventure.

Faithfully yours

Miss Edith Rowley
Meadville, Pa.

Ida M. Tarbell
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