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My dear Miss Tarbell.

Father has handed me your letter of Dec. 9th. It is very good of you to take an interest in the Chautauqua program, and we appreciate your kindness very much. I spent a few weeks in England last autumn, and Mrs. Vincent went with some friends for a few days in Paris. I am sorry that we did not know your address, so that she might have seen you.

As to Prof. and Mrs. Darmestetter, we should be very glad to have them as our guests at Chautauqua, but I fear could hardly pay enough to make it a great inducement for them to come. We have already secured four or five men from England, at considerable expense, and are compelled to manage rather carefully, in view of the possible disturbing influence of the World's Fair next summer. If Prof. and Mrs. Darmestetter are to visit America, and would be interested in seeing the Assembly, we should be glad to have them spend a week with us as our guests at our expense, and would be glad to have an address or two from them. I am sorry that we did not know earlier of their possible coming, as we might have made a more attractive offer. The same thing would apply to Madame Thbentzon.

Permit me to express the pleasure which I felt in reading your story in Scribner's. I congratulate you upon your present opportunities, of which you are making such excellent use. Mrs. Vincent and I go to Chicago next week for the winter. I am to take up residence in the University for six months, with the hope of polishing my wits, which have grown deplorably rusty. With the best wishes for the coming year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George E. Vincent.

Miss Ida W. Tarbell.