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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York City

My dear Miss Tarbell:

On February 12th we are planning to dedicate our new Literature Building with the observance of a Special Literary Week-end. Prof. George Lyman Kittredge, Shakespearean scholar of Harvard, and Dr. William A. Shimer, Editor of the American Scholar and Secretary of the United Societies of Phi Beta Kappa, will speak.

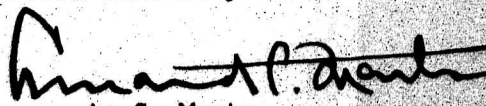
I am wondering if you would be willing to send a message to our dedication by radio, speaking from the broadcasting studio in New York. We particularly covet such a message from you, as you were a Pennsylvania girl who achieved great success in the literary field, and a word of encouragement and inspiration to other ambitious young men and women of Pennsylvania would be most timely as this Literary Building is dedicated.

February 12th is, of course, Lincoln's Birthday, and a message from you on that day would be especially timely because of what you have written about Mr. Lincoln--who also had Pennsylvania traditions in his ancestry.

I have not, of course, approached the Broadcasting Company in reference to this until learning whether or not you would consent. I sincerely hope it will appeal to you as a service to youth and to education which you will feel able to render.

Please accept the good wishes from a life-long Chautauquan to whom your writings have meant a very great deal since early boyhood.

Yours sincerely


A. C. Marts

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