

*Blackstone*

19 Bank Street  
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Dear Miss Tarbell,

Much has happened since our little talk together. I have been to Chicago, Galesburg and Milwaukee, interviewing Miss Blackstone's many friends, and since my return have been to various suburbs of New York on the same errand.

It was heartening to find everywhere the same willingness to help with the material for the biography that you yourself have shown.

Of course, there is still much to do as I do not wish to leave anything undone that will enrich the picture of Miss Blackstone, but there is already a great deal of miscellaneous material ready to be forged into the whole metal of the work.

Two more chapters have been written and shortly I expect to retire to the fastnesses of my Vermont home to write some more.

I thought you might be interested to hear how the biography is going on and that is why I am writing you. I wonder whether you feel you can soon let me have your word of appreciation for the front of the book. I do not want to hurry you of course, but I do know that it would give me a great boost to have it.

I hope you have been well since I saw you. I have the pleasantest memories of our visit.

Very sincerely yours,

*Esther Morgan McCullough*