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My dear Miss Tarbell.

The news of your sorrow has only just reached me, and I hasten to send you a little word of sympathy. I can understand from my own experience what it must mean to you —

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The greatest crisis
in the lives of some of
us - Our work is the
great panacea -
I fear, however you are
getting too much of
that. I had hoped
I might have the
privilege this Sum
mer of meeting you
dear Mother - if by
any chance you had

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a little time & rest and
showed send for me &
paint that portrait,
for alas!

Dear Tarbell the truth
& reply & this, dear
Miss Tarbell. You have too
much to do.

Always Yours Sincerely

Helen W. Phelps

Helen Watson Phelps

Sept 18th [1917]

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