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Dear Miss Tarbell:

The name I couldn't find was that of Dr. Emma P. Carr, head of the Department of Chemistry at Mount Holyoke College. Professor Cavelti says this about her - "Her department is, I think, unquestionably the best department of Chemistry in any women's college. She and her colleagues send more women into graduate work than any similar group. By concentrating the research work of the entire staff on one significant problem, she has succeeded in showing that fine and significant work of this kind can still be done in colleges. She frequently presents papers on this work before the American Chemical Society, and always with scrupulous fairness to the contributions of her colleagues.

"She has received grants-in-aid from the Rockefeller Foundation, and was this year the first recipient of the Garvan Medal of the American Chemical Society. This medal is to be an annual award to the outstanding woman chemist of the year, as it were. The fact that Dr. Carr was chosen as the first recipient indicates her status in the minds of chemists.

"Dr Carr feels a distinct interest in Allegheny, a great uncle of hers having been president of the college at one time. Thus a degree from us would have a rather special meaning for her."

I think Dr. Carr would be eminently worthy of a degree from Allegheny.

I can't tell you how pleased I am that you feel well enough to plan a month's sojourn at Allegheny after the spring vacation. Our Easter holiday begins on April sixth and recitations are resumed on Monday morning, April 17th. Unless you prefer to come some other time I would suggest that your work begin the week of April 17th and continue through the 14th of May. You are characteristically generous in volunteering to ask no more than \$500 and your living expenses at the Venango Inn. Unless there is still some question in your mind I should like to announce the course very soon so that students can include it in their second semester schedules. It should also appear in the catalogue which goes to press immediately after the Christmas holidays.

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