

Tarbell

81 Irving Place
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Dear Miss Rowley,

I suppose you have heard before this that Miss Tarbell plans to be in Meadville about the third week in January, and that Mrs. Wolfe, her secretary, is going to get measurements on the Lincoln material so that you may have some idea of the size and number of books, the amount of shelf space needed, etc. Her last letter to Meadville probably crossed your letter to me. So I am assuming that that answers a part of what you wrote me about, more satisfactorily than I could have answered it.

I don't exactly know why so much time has elapsed -- time in which you say people are beginning to wonder why the books have not arrived. I suppose the physical effort to get them off may have something to do with it. Miss Tarbell is pushed every minute with far more than she can do and Mrs. Wolfe says she just can't seem to get to the point of getting the books off. Personally I think maybe if you could offer your services as a trained librarian to supervise the thing down here, it might be a helpful thing. Then again, maybe there is no reason for your doing that. I have offered, time and again, to do anything I can. If, in talking with Miss Tarbell, you find either of us can help in the technical or physical end of things, offer me as freely as you offer yourself. Mrs. Wolfe is very capable. Maybe all Miss Tarbell needs is to be told to get in a reliable packer and you'll oversee the unpacking personally, and give her a list of everything, see to the cataloguing, etc. I did not talk with her after your letter came -- talked with Mrs. Wolfe at her home on Sunday instead. Miss Tarbell has not been so very well. Whatever you do, take care of her when she is in Meadville.

Now as to the financial end of things, that is in Mr. Beazell's hands and I suggest you write him. I wrote him nearly a month (No -- more than a month) before the last Tea asking him to get the letter out to the Alumni about the books Miss Tarbell would like to have so we could use the Tea to stir up more work and enthusiasm. He has not answered my letter. Mrs. Beazell was at the Tea. Said he was very busy. But I did not go into the matter with her.

The Tea Committee has about fifty dollars. We plan to use that on the Lincoln Collection. I gathered that at the Alumni Dinner last winter, when official action was taken to get back of the "Lincoln Collection, various Alumni ~~might have been~~ seemed willing to go along farther with the money end of things. But any information along that line is -- and belongs -- with Mr. Beazell. He and Miss Tarbell and I got together in the spring here at my house -- then nothing happened. So there is the history. How you ever heard we had \$600 here is a mystery but I think it is a great compliment!

Now feel free to call on me for anything I can do to help Miss Tarbell in her part -- but the rest is with Mr. Beazell. And you will get results I am sure by taking it up with him.

I'm off tomorrow for Christmas at home. The best of holidays to you and good wishes always.

Sincerely, *Sandra Post*