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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Yesterday I read the article "A Coeducational College Of The Eighties" in the August number of the Alleghenian Alumni Bulletin.

The article is so entertaining and the mention of many names that were so familiar to me many years ago that I must tell you about it. I admit that I am very much prejudiced because Allegheny College is a part of Meadville and the country that I love so much.

Your references to Professor Jeramiah Tingley recalled memories of my boyhood for no one could have been more kind to me in trying to teach me to observe nature than Professor Tingley. After he left Bentley Hall and with Mrs. Tingley built the house that is still standing west of Tarbell Hall on Spring Street, I well remember his building a pond and a fountain in the front yard by the sycamore tree and filling it with mud puppies which in my day we called alligators.

I am surprised you did not mention Professor Ami Hyde as I thought in my boyhood he was one of the unique characters of the world. I last met him in 1890 on a steamboat returning from England. He was then well up in his eighties and I believe died in Denver at the grand old age of ninety-seven.

I thank you for writing such an entertaining article that should be a classic to all the old Alleghenians as well as Meadvillians.

Very sincerely,

John E. Reynolds