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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter to Dr. Stanley regarding home economics work for men, has been referred to this office. The information I have covers only a few scattering courses, as I have been interested primarily in courses in child development and parenthood which are being offered men. In November, 1928, I made a survey of all the state agricultural colleges and found then that none of them were offering courses in parent education to their men students. I did find that the University of Arkansas offered some work to men; that the University of Wisconsin said occasionally men registered for their H.E. 109; Oklahoma Agricultural College has a home economics course open to men, and the North Dakota Agricultural college offers a course to men.

As you probably know, Dr. Ernest Groves offers a course in problems of family and marriage relationship to senior men at the University of North Carolina, and a course in child development is being offered at Colgate.

A course was offered at Iowa State college. I am not sure whether this is still being carried on.

I also found that there were a number of the normal schools which include some work for their men in training as teachers.

The Bureau of Education, I am sure, could send you quite a list of the public schools which offer work to boys, and I understand that the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A. offered a very good Matrimonial course.

I hope that you will investigate this problem a bit and stimulate some interest in it, as there is very great need for courses in parenthood and marital relations.

Very sincerely yours,

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