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Dear Miss Tarbell, –

Mr. Tanimura is to me a puzzle, as most Orientals are to me and the more so, the more intimately, if one can use that word with an Oriental, I know them. He presented to Mr. Jenks and me the problem of securing better understanding between Americans & Japanese through the bringing together of American women and Japanese farmers daughters in his proposed farm school. Everyone

Yours Sincerely,
Georgia B. Jenks

he really wants. I think I have covered all his points in his long conversations to me,

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has great sympathy with his desire to heal, if possible, the deeply wounded feelings of the Japanese because of our exclusion laws. I'm sure that will come in some form from our government in some new legislation on Japanese immigration & long before we could establish any friendly relations because of Mr. Tanimura's farm-school. I don't see how many American women could spend a month visiting his school or how they could give out much to the pupils because of the language barrier. I got so much of the terrible sadness & wounding of feelings we had brought to the Japanese from Mr. Tanimura because he speaks our language so well and because he is acquainted with our type of civilization. However, this is an aside from helping him to realize a

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dream, an ideal which doesn't seem to me very easily realizable. He wanted to speak to as many educated, thinking women as possible, so I am taking him to a luncheon of the Faculty women of N. Y. Univ. where he will speak on the education & Status of Japanese women & his plan for a school. But I have told him organizations here in N. Y. are already overburdened with organizations, are difficult & expensive, but he answers to that, that he wants only a little sum from a large number and not large sums from the rich. If he can get a list of names here, he says he can go back to Japan & get the money. Though I have been twice in Japan & pretty well all over the country, Jim and I could not stay a month at his place near Nikko where I have stayed, without

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being very uncomfortable. Margaret and I spent twenty-four hours in a Japanese hotel of very good grade where no English was spoken and where everything was absolutely Japanese. We had boiled fish for 3 meals, dry rice and tea and slept on the floor next to a family of six with only a paper screen between so that we knew just how each one of the six breathed. To be sure we also saw the marvellous lacquered temples that seemed too unreal to be true as they floated on the water as the tide came in. He told me that he wanted you for the head of his society & thought you might like to come out to Japan to write about the country. I told him that would be ideal and perhaps you are great enough to make ideals, realities, I'm not, but Mr. Jenks and I have been willing to listen sympathetically to Mr. Tamimura, and, perhaps, that's all

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