"The world is my country;
to do good is my religion."



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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am quite disappointed because of your letter of July 6th. I don't think a man should accept a lady's first refusal - anyway you did not refuse. You only said you were "shy." As to the "Academy of America's Immortals" that was intended more or less to be humorous and has been laughingly accepted as such by a great many members. A noted English author, writing from his home in England, says in part "That is about all the immortality I ever expect to get."

The object of the Society is not altogether "fighting wrong." It is also intended to "honor the name and memory of Thomas Paine and to keep before the American people the record of his great public service and promulgate the political principles he advocated." There is a bronze tablet on Bleecker Street marking the spot where he died; there is a monument in New Rochelle where he lived. We are attempting to mark the spot in Newark where he wrote "The Crisis." Havelock Ellis, writing from his home in England to the Society says in part, "I have often stayed at Thetford where Paine was born and have sought in vain for any memorial mark of England's most distinguished son. It would be a worthy object of the Society to erect a bronze tablet marking the location."

These are some of the things that the Society is attempting to do, and we could not do it without organization. I am one of the men who most heartily and enthusiastically championed women's entry into political and business life, and it was because we wanted a number of distinguished women like Margaret Sanger, Mrs. Walter Ferguson and yourself to be with us. Can't you lay aside your prejudice against "organization" and help us with your name and influence? Please!

Most sincerely, Horace W. Corey

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