

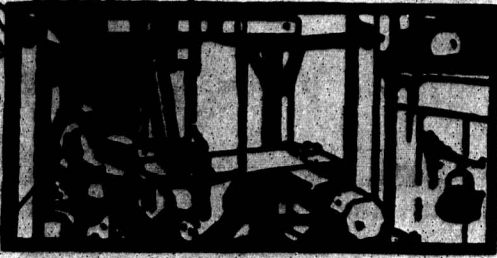
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My Dear Friend:

I don't know how to begin, neither what to say to you, to express all the sentiments and feelings in my heart and mind, since your article of last Sunday came to my knowledge. It was a great surprise and a most unexpected honor. Of course I am proud and happy and grateful, and particularly so since it came from you. As our President Hutchins said in announcing it to our convocation, "Miss Ida Tarbell is our most eminent writer and a very discerning one and knows what she is talking about". Of course I have always felt the same, so I want to believe that you were right in having my name on your list.

I am very proud and happy to be classed with all these wonderful women, who as one of my friends wrote me, "all have done things to be envious of". But, my dear friend, I really feel so humble about it all, but I have wept with joy as well, in knowing that you appreciate my work and my efforts as much as this, and it is good to know that hard work and honest efforts can be appreciated.

I am sure the recognition means so much more to me, because I am an immigrant, but I am so glad if I can think that I have done a little something for my adopted country. As I happen to be a good Swede, it has been possible for me to be a good American.

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An added joy is brought to me by other friends in different parts of the country who read your article. Letters of congratulation with clippings of the article are coming in through every mail, and it is of course wonderful to know that one has friends who believe in one, and you brought this about, and all this will help me and give me strength to "carry on" a little longer. I am really tired and worn but hope to be able to plan for a short rest at least in the near future.

With deep and heartfelt gratitude and love always, I am

Most sincerely yours.

Anna Emberg

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