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Chambre of Commerce,  
 Holyoke, Mass.  
 Sept, 16, 1918

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am so sorry, but October 12 would not be a good day for Holyoke to do you honor. You see it is Columbus Day and we cannot have the Knights of Columbus hall where we were to have had our meeting for you. Saturday evening is not a good night for a meeting in Holyoke. So it does not seem best for a meeting on October 12.

Will you please forgive us, and give us another trial, because people are coming from Springfield, Westfield, Mt. Holyoke and all of the surrounding towns to hear you, and we want everything to be propitious for our meeting. Will you please keep us in mind when you have an open date?

Are you going to speak at a closed meeting in Wellesley College or is it to be an open meeting to which I might go as an outside person?

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You see I want to hear you speak more than anything else in all the world. I simply must hear you in order to receive enough inspiration to carry me through this coming year.

I want to ask you also about possibilities for Foreign Service. I am strong and well and able to work fifteen hours each day and I want to go over and do a little in this awful struggle if I am needed. Will you tell me just how to get into the service?

What a wonderful service you are giving, with your power to lead and inspire such masses of people.

I hope that we can fit into your schedule later - We are all grateful for your willingness to come to speak to Holyoke -

Yours in appreciation  
 Alta Jane Emerson  
 Emergency Home Demonstration Agent.

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