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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Last winter I wrote you inviting you to give an address before the Illinois State Historical Society at its annual meeting in May, and I was greatly disappointed that you were unable to accept the invitation. You told me that you would have been very glad to come as you were interested in our work, but that the time was so short, that you were unable to arrange your engagements in such a way as to enable you to come to Springfield. I am now writing to renew the invitation for our annual meeting to be held next May, and I earnestly hope that you will be able to favor the Society with a paper on some phase of American history, preferably Western history.

As I told you when I before invited you, the Historical Society does not pay its speakers, but it will take great pleasure in paying your expenses if you are able to accept the invitation.

I have heard my nephew, Captain John McAuley Palmer, and his wife speak with great pleasure of their acquaintance with you. Hoping to receive a favorable answer,

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber.

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