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Capt. R. H. Foath.
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear friend:— We have been delighted to see a little of your daughter Marion, — she spent last eve'g. with us, — but are disappointed to learn thus late of her month in Deerfield, which is within about an hour's drive. —

We would have seen more of her.

Now about next week. — The custom of our "Section of Economic Science" of the Am. Assn. for Adv. of Science, — is to have a leading topic at each session, introduced by a short "paper", — 10 to 30 minutes long. —

In arranging for the approaching meeting I was advised to ask Mr. Harrison of Phil. to prepare a paper on "The Indian as an Economic Problem" — and he promised to do so.

I thought that, no matter what he gave us, — this would break the ice, — and then you & others could pitch in. Miss Fletcher is always at the meetings & would, undoubtedly be not backward in coming forward — for this occasion. — But, Harrison writes me at this late day, that he is going short and not only can't be at N.Y. next week. But has prepared no paper. — Hence I am left without my ice-breaker. The rules of the Assn. require a "paper", no matter how short, — prepared and handed in, at least in

form of an abstract, - and approved
by a special com. the day before it is
read in a Section.

Under these circumstances I am
upset on my Indian discussion, unless
you will get a little paper ready & send
it in. - I have consequently assigned
another subject. "The Food Question" for
Thursday, - & leave Friday, 12th. for
the Indian - if we can get ready.

My address all next week will be -
Park Ave. Hotel - N.Y. City -

Hoping you can help me out - but
knowing I have no right to make such a call
at this late day, I am

Yours very truly,

Henry S. Alvord.