

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
CITY OF JEFFERSON

July 8, 1910.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
The American Magazine,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

On receipt of your letter of May 6th, asking for the names of two or three women who are doing things which are deserving of public notice and approval, I turned it over to Mrs. Hadley, with the request that you write you an answer. Either from modesty or press of other duties, she failed to communicate with you and did not advise me of that fact until a few days ago. All of the women of Missouri are doing such splendid work as wives and mothers and in other positions of usefulness in which they are engaged that it is difficult to make a selection.

I assume that Mrs. Philip N. Moore, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, of Saint Louis, is one of the most prominent women in the State. Miss Pearl Mitchell of Rocheport, Missouri, is a successful farmer; Mrs. S. W. Moore of Kansas City, one of my appointees on the Board of Managers of the Colony for Feeble-Minded and Epileptic, is a high-minded and active woman; Miss Mary E. Perry, of Saint Louis, has long been an active member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections; Dr. Frances E. Bishop of Saint Louis, is a member of the State Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and has rendered some excellent public service; Mrs. Katharine Abbott Stanley, who wrote

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Order Number 11, is a Missouri woman, but now resides in Washington, D.C.. I believe if you would write to Mrs. Philip N. Moore, she could perhaps give you as much information as any one I know of.

Thanking you for your expression of interest in my work as Governor, and with personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. S. Hadley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluidly connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.