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# Letter: Jane Scales to Ida M. Tarbell, March 24, 1931

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 East 19th Street  
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been asked by the committee at the National Arts Club to undertake the task of giving the manuscripts which have been received in connection with the John G. Agar award the first reading, with a view of providing each of the members of the Selective Committee of which you are a member, a synopsis and report of all of these books.

In making this report, my instructions are to ascertain whether or not the manuscript complies with the competition rules. Finding that this manuscript does comply with these rules, my instructions provide that I make a brief synopsis of the manuscript, telling something of the plot, should it be a novel, and stating whether the manuscript is worthy of your consideration. From what the committee has discovered so far, it seems possible that there are some manuscripts which should be given no consideration whatever.

As I complete these reports, I shall forward them to you and to the other members of the Committee.

If after reading one of these reports, you decide that you wish to read the manuscript personally, please write me a note and I will see that it is despatched at once.

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It is the Committee's hope that this prereading may result in your being able to pick out for your personal reading a few manuscripts worthy of consideration; thus saving a lot of work and time which is an important factor in this instance. The Committee feels keenly the responsibility of returning these manuscripts by May or June so that the authors may arrange for their publication by the fall if they care to do so.

Will you kindly indicate the address to which communications in relation to this matter should be directed.

If you have any suggestions to offer, please forward them, and of course I shall be glad to reply to them.

Sincerely yours,

*Jane S. Cole*