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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
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New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I was very glad to get your letter this morning for I have been wanting to hear from you but I knew of your brother's illness and did not wish to hurry you when it was not necessary.

Mr. Reynolds told me about the letter of transmittal of the bibliography and asked me to write it myself. Mrs. Wilkes and I talked the matter over and thought that on account of the difficulty of getting work done at the present time that we might send a letter with the copies to the State Chairmen and to the librarians only, as we are greatly handicapped on account of the sickness and absence of workers.

The bibliography arrived a day or two ago as you probably know, as I sent you one. A few of them have been sent out. I was pleased to have your suggestion for new points of the bibliography of Thrift, Americanization and Reconstruction. I had already started those new heads and was therefore doubly glad to know that they were the same that you had in mind.

I spent nearly all day yesterday at the Congressional Library looking up books on thrift, and Miss Atwater was with me for we have had this in mind for some time. I have just made a beginning of the reconstruction notes but shall watch very carefully for all such.

I had a letter from Mrs. Shelby this morning saying that she would be in today probably. I also had one from Mrs. Breuchaud and she tells me that she has a position with the Y. M. C. A. Hoping that we shall see you soon,

Very truly yours,

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