Letter: Mrs. Hugh Dempster Wilson to Ida M. Tarbell, June 12, 1917

Wilson, (Mrs.) Hugh Dempster
Fairmont, W. Va.
815 Walnut Ave.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

Dear Miss Tarbell,

A few weeks ago I heard you lecture in Fairmont, W. Va.

Having read your books and magazine articles from year to year, this was indeed a great pleasure. I still recall the feeling of disappointment that came over me when you stopped speaking.

I know your great purpose in living is to help the masses. I believe I have known something of the same God-given spirit for when I had finished my college work for seven years I worked...
As a missionary in the W. O. C., Car. and Breathitt Co., Ky. and later for three years in Bolivia, S. A., where the field is inexhaustible. I returned two years ago and a young man to whom I had become engaged while there came follow.

Our earnings are used in reading and studying together along the lines that shall be of most help to Mr. Wilson in his work, and from among the materials at hand the American Magazine stands out plainly. It is a tonic to the ambitious Spirit. I am glad when I read you are the weekly Editor of it. I determined to write you and may you would take time to loan a sheet to me.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. After finishing his studies along commercial lines
he entered the shipping business.
In a few years he went to St. A. on a five-year
contract for his firm and remained ten years.
He traveled over much of its vast territory
and in most of the large cities.
He knows the language almost as fluently
as a native and since there speaks it all
day in the office to a young man from Columbus
and a young German from Venezuela whom
he also employs in the exporting office where Mr.
Wilson is first assistant.
The man in charge of the Foreign Department
organized it some years ago and has had
marked success in developing it; as of
course there is no reason for Mr. Unley
to expect further advancement here.
And with a few weeks time to readjust...
his knowledge of the export business he could readily take his place at the head of this department, (export to Latin American countries,) whatever the class of goods he handles. We wish as much to live where we can have a suburban home for our own, and this can scarcely be done here where a few millenniums control everything as is true of aT. eurinc.

Rent, real estate values, here are far in excess of what they are in the large cities, and many values received.

and miss Farwell. may I ask if you are in large manufacturing businesses, to whom Mr. Wilson may apply, and where earning applications should be forwarded by mail?

He is thirty seven yrs. old, and feels now is the time, for him to use his knowledge, experience, where it will count most, for soon indeed it becomes too late. Hoping them not incomplete in much upon your time and patience and assuring you of our deepest gratitue for any interest you may or will show in this letter love sincerely,

Mrs. Hugh Dempster Wilson.