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Miss Florence Wilson,
Librarian, League of Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland.

My dear Miss Wilson:

I cannot tell you with what pleasure I saw the announcement of your appointment as Librarian of the League of Nations. I know you deserve it, and it is always a satisfaction to see any one get what he deserves. I hope no woman will come into anything in connection with the League of Nations except by the road you have traveled - making herself so necessary that they cannot get along without her.

It is good to know that in spite of Congress we are contributing something of use to the League. It has been a dark time here, and is still. Such rant and ignorant nonsense has been talked in the campaign that it seemed to me sometimes that I could not support it. Ever since I left Paris I have gone up and down the country trying to do my bit by explaining what it was all about as I see it. But the politicians were too much for those of us who really believed that it was a great and helpful experiment to which it was the duty of the United States to lend its help. I think we will come to it finally, but not very speedily. Feeling as I do, it is good to know that there is an American like yourself on the ground.

I know there will be documents and reports coming from the League soon and I am wondering if you could tell me just what arrangements I can make to get the publications. Where should I apply? What fees I should pay, etc. I will be immensely grateful, dear Miss Wilson, if you will give me a hint. I want to keep track of what is going on. If I am free I think I shall go over for the next meeting of the Assembly, but that is doubtful. Of course I am following what is going on with great interest, and as I am so old that I think in centuries instead of days, I am not at all hopeless, in spite of the reports that reach us.

With real joy over your appointment, believe me

Cordially yours,