120 EAST NINETEENTH STREET

April 21, 1928.

Mrs. Alice Duer Miller,
176 East 75th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

I wonder if you would be one of ten writing women to join me in an annual contribution of ten dollars to the work of the Woman's Trade Union League.

I take it that it is not necessary for me to enlarge on this work. The League is made up, as you know, of women who work with their hands. They have combined to improve the conditions of their trades by every possible legitimate means and to improve themselves as individuals.

They have a club house as a rallying point - thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Lamont and one or two other women of means, and there they carry on all sorts of social and educational undertakings. Their evening classes have been highly successful - girls who have had almost no chance or opportunity, and who naturally have very little time for self-improvement, working night after night in English, history, literature, music appreciation.

These women are really making a valiant struggle for better conditions, for knowledge and progress, and I have a strong feeling that those of us who in our profession are more fortunately placed should show our sympathy. And I do not know a better way than to give them a little extra money. Naturally they cannot themselves contribute large amounts. The only way the work can be carried on and improved and enlarged as it should be is through outside help.

I wish you could see your way to join this little group of writing women that I am trying to pull together.

Always

Faithfully yours

Edith Wharton

Mrs. Miller has decided
not to say that she is
glad to send this enclosed
check of ten dollars —
J.E. Seaton
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