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The Library,
Quai de Lemán,
Geneva.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

16th December, 1920.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120, East Nineteenth Street.
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

It gave me great pleasure to receive your very nice letter in reference to my appointment as Librarian of the League of Nations. I have had complete charge of the Library as Acting Librarian since October, 1919, but I never have been appointed as Librarian. It has been a great privilege to be with the League and to organize its Library and I never have enjoyed anything more in my life. The Library has unlimited possibilities.

The outlook in the United States is certainly very discouraging and everyone was very much disappointed in the recent visit of Mr. Medill McCormick; he came thoroughly opposed to the League, stayed but a few hours and would not allow anyone to talk to him or shew him anything. I feel sure that he is about to return to the States with a very unfavourable account of everything. It is very hard even for Americans to understand the attitude of the Republican Party and it seems hardly possible that because of personal antagonism to one man they should be willing to sacrifice the foreign policy of the U.S. and prevent the world from returning speedily to a state of peace and understanding. America is certainly a tremendous force these days and is very much needed in the League, and it is to be hoped that every thoughtful person will try to create better public feeling towards it.

The Assembly has been tremendously interesting and I hope that you will be able to come to the next one which I think will probably be next September. I take great pleasure in sending you all of the documents which have been issued and to place your name on the mailing list for all future issues. One of the most significant things I think that the League has done is the publication of Treaties. I have sent you a copy of the Treaty Supplement. I have also sent the Procès-Verbaux of the Commissions, the Daily Journal of the Assembly and the resumé of Press Opinions, as I thought that they would be helpful and of interest to you in your work.

Thank you for your very nice letter and for your good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Wilson