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November 20, 1930.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our last annual report, and it occurs to me that you may be interested in the reference to yourself on pages 56 and 81.

The library work is humming more than ever with the slowing up of industry, and we shall have no hard luck story with reference to finances in this year's report, as we had in the one that is sent you. The city was very good to us this spring.

I am also sending with the annual report a copy of a little newspaper story about some of my canoe plans for the next few years. Can't you imagine yourself retracing the rivers and lakes that Marquette journeyed over two and a half centuries ago? I am getting a big kick out of the mere thought of it, and getting ready for it. I am sure that you would enjoy some of this, especially the canoeing on the big lakes when the weather is fine, and that is the only kind of weather in which you should canoe on those lakes.

What is the chance of our having a little visit and a lecture from you sometime this year, or next?

With all best wishes, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel H. Ranck