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New York, April 5, 1939.

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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Let me tell you how glad we are to have the typescript of "All in the day's work" which was left at the Library. It is an important addition to our collection of similar documents, and you may be sure we appreciate your kindness in turning it over to us.

When we get things like this I recall Henry Harrisse's comment to his friend, the Rev. John Johnson, when he wrote in '98 to say "I always imagine that the proof sheets were read by the authors themselves, and that there is something left of the corporeal between the lines." It is some such feeling as that, certainly not so well expressed, that we had when we began this collection of modern typescripts.

I wonder if you would think this a fitting occasion for our asking if you have ever given thought to the ultimate disposal of your letters, correspondence, and other manuscript source material gathered during your busy life. An indication of some of the collections of this kind in our manuscript room will be given by a glance at the enclosed leaflet. If you would care to talk with us about the matter, we are at your service at the time and place you may choose to fix.

Truly yours,

H. M. Lydenberg,
Director

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