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October 26, 1918.

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have just written to Doctor Shaw, and which will give you the facts in the matter upon which we wish your opinion.

We missed you yesterday and regret exceedingly to hear that your absence was caused by the ill health of your brother.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah J. Patterson

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COPY FOR MISS TARBELL.

October 26, 1918.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw,
Eden Apartments B-4,
Iowa Avenue and Board Walk,
Atlantic City, N. J.

My dear Doctor Shaw:

At the meeting of the Governing Board yesterday, it was decided to secure immediately two women as regional directors at large, and to refer the matter of choosing these two women to the six women members of the Governing Board. Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Lamar and I met this morning at 9:30, and have discussed the matter.

We are sending to you and to Miss Tarbell, the two members of the Governing Board who were absent yesterday, our recommendations for your consideration. Will you please give us your opinion immediately in order that we may communicate with the women whom we recommend in case you agree with our decision.

We would recommend the appointment of Mrs. May Lamberton Becker, who is now Chief of the Foreign News Bureau of our News Department, and Mrs. Seward Simons, now secretary of the California Division of the Woman's Committee. We all know Mrs. Becker, and little need be said of her qualifications. I have heard of Mrs. Simons for some years, and have been favorably impressed by everything I have heard. Mrs. McCormick knows her personally and thinks she would be a valuable representative.

The Governing Board will attempt to secure a number of men regional directors, assigning to each a certain district. The women, however, will be regional directors at large, and will go on call to any state where needed. We further suggested as alternates to Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Simons, Miss Grace Tabor and Miss. T.G. Winter. It is our thought that there should be substitutes for the two regional directors, or perhaps we should recommend additional regional directors to the Governing Board at the next meeting. In any event, I would appreciate it if you would send your opinion of these suggestions, immediately.

The minutes of the Board meeting will probably reach you early next week.

I hope you are taking good care of yourself, and are not worrying about things here.

Very sincerely yours,

HP-LT

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