CW 192

Fairmont, W. Va.
815 Walnut ave.
Jan. 12-1917.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

A few weeks ago I heard you lecture in Fairmont, W. Va. Having read your books and magazine articles from year to year this was indeed a great pleasure. I still recall the feeling of disappointment that came over me when you stopped speaking. I know your great purpose in living is to help the masses. I believe I have known something of the same God given spirit for when I had finished my college work for seven years I worked

Digital Image, 2014. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.

as a missionary in the mtns. N. Car. and Breathitt Co. Ky. and later for three years in Bolivia S.A. where the field is inexhaustible. I returned two years ago and a young man to whom I had become engaged while there soon followed. Mr. Wilson lives in Fairmont. Our evenings are used in reading and studying together along the lines that I must help Mr. Wilson in his work. And from among the material at hand the American Magazine stands out plainly. It is a great a tonic to the ambitions. An energizer that when I read you are the assistant Editor I at - I determined I write you and may be you would take time to loan a thot to us.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. After finishing his studies along commercial lines

Digital Image, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.

he entered the shipping business.
In a few years he went to S. A. on a five years
contract for his firm and remained ten years.
He traveled over much of its vast territory &
lived in most of the large cities.
He knows the language almost as thoroly
as a native and since here speaks it all
day in the office to a young woman from Columbia
and a young woman from Venezuela who are
also employed in the exporting office where Mr.
Wilson is first assistant.
The man in charge of the Foreign export dept
organized it some years ago and has had
marked success in developing it; as of
course there is no reason for Mr. Wilson
to expect further advancement here. And
with a few weeks time to readjust

Digital Image, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library

his knowledge of the export business he could easily take his place at the head of this department, (export to Latin American countries) whatever the class of goods being handled. We wish so much to live where we can have a suburban home of our own and this can scarcely be done here where a few millionaires control everything as is true of Pittsburgh. Rent & land values here are far in excess of what they are in the large cities; comparing values received. Now miss Tarbell, may I ask if you know of some large manufacturing businesses to whom Mr. Wilson may apply - and where earnest application would be rewarded by promotion. He is thirty seven yrs. old & feels now is the time for him to use his knowledge & experience where it will count most, for soon indeed it becomes too late. Hoping I have not trespassed too much upon your time and patience and assuring you of our deepest gratitude for any interest you may see fit to show this letter I am sincerely

Mrs. Hugh Dampeter Wilson.

Digital Image, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.