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February 17, 1920.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am enclosing herewith some stuff from our annual
(and from current departmental reports)
reports which may have some human or other interest in connection
with them, with reference to the use of the Library. The cases
of the foreigners who have learned to read English largely, or
entirely through Library books are always most interesting, and
frequently pathetic. They are so grateful for what the librarians
do for them that many librarians feel that the only worth while work
in a library is with foreigners.

Personally the Chandler-Dunbar case which is referred to
in the extracts from our annual reports has always appealed to me
very much.

The World's Work for December, 1913, contains an article
by Hubert Bruce Fuller, in which he refers at some length to the
Chandler-Dunbar case, and he refers to the decision of the Supreme
Court on this case as a revolutionary one, and one of the most
important decisions of recent years.

I made a hurried trip to New York last week, but was so
tied up with conferences morning, noon, and night, for three days,
that I did not get a chance to look up any of my friends there.
I rather gathered from your recent note that you had not yet
returned from your trip.

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If you were in Grand Rapids these days you could get some good human interest stuff in the United States Supreme Court, where the Newberry case is being tried. I looked in on the crowd the other day, and shall do so often.

Very truly yours,

L.N.J.

Samuel H. B. Parker