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Dear Idarem -

I seem to be writing to you all the time; this time it's to forward a letter of my cousin Roland's on the League of Nations. It is so sound that I thought you would be interested to see it. I have just written Roland that I am sending you a copy of it and that it comes nearer to expressing the feeling you have always had about the League than anything I have seen.

Also I want to thank you for the two books which came the other day and which I have already read. There is no use trying to tell you how much I enjoyed them. I think your Lincoln book is lovely; either you have improved it a great deal or type makes the thing look different or something, for certainly it seems a much more perfect and adequate expression of this side of Lincoln than it seemed to me when I read it in manuscript. You certainly ought to be proud of it now; some way I know I appreciate Lincoln and the different things you have to say about him as I never did before. Jove, how marvellous it would be if Lincoln could rise up in this part of the world now; he would have a heart-breaking job ahead of him. S.S. was saying when he was here that unless a Napoleon or Bismarck came along this part of the world would be in a mess for five hundred years; don't know why he hit on that space of time.

Have you read Wells' Russian book? Plain horse-sense he talks in that book, I wish everybody could read it.

"Lulu Betts" is a wonder. It is wonderful to think of Zona Gale doing it. Of course, it seems to me a straight photograph of Sheffield. I read another fine book on small town life called "Main Street" by Sinclair Lewis; if you have not read it, do so.

Yours, as ever,

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Your Lincoln book please
me right down to the ground.