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Fairmont, W. Va.
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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 sense the feeling
of disappointment that came
over me when you stopped speaking.

I know your great purpose in
living so 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

as a missionary in the mts. of
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.
We now live in Fairmount
Our evenings are used in read-
ing and studying together along
the lines that will be of most
help to Mr. Wilson in his work,
and from among the material
at hand the American Magazine
stands out plainly. It is so great
a tonic to the ambitious and energetic
that when I read you are the assistant
editor of it - I determined to write
you and may be you would take time
to loan a shot to us.
Mr. Wilson is a native of Glasgow,
Scotland. After finishing his
studies along commercial lines

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 and
lived in most of the large cities.

He knows the language almost as thoroughly
as a native and since here speaks it all
day in the office to a young man 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; so of
course there is no reason for Mr. Wilson
to expect further advancement here, and
with a few weeks time to readjust

