

(League of Women Voters)

170 East 64th Street

October 28, 1929

Dear Mr. Apperson:

I don't at all like the article from the Herald Tribune which you enclosed with your letter received today. It does not sound good to me. I wish we could have a Committee on Conservation in the League of Women Voters. Unfortunately we have so many committees that we have about all we can do at the present, and this I am afraid is somewhat out of our line.

However we are planning, as you know, to have our State Convention meet in Albany and a group of the League will go to the State Department and ask some very pertinent questions.

The most discouraging aspect of it all to me is to have a person like Mr. Myers so slow of understanding as to take part in a movement of this kind, or perhaps it is intentional misunderstanding. At any rate it is discouraging to know that one of the leading figures in the Adirondack Mountains Club should lend encouragement to a group of exploiters such as these appear to be.

Last week I had to go up to Newburg to see a senator and as I motored across the Bear Mountain Bridge, I thought it was one of the most beautiful sights I have even seen, so I can well imagine what we missed by not going to Lake George this week. Henry has been in Washington a great deal the last few weeks and I have been up to my eyes with many things, but I do hope that soon we shall be adjusted so that we can come up and pay you all a visit at Lake George, as we would so love to do.

We like to hear from you very much, and with all my best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Agnes Leach

The Mohawk Club
Schenectady, N.Y.

November 27, 1929

Mrs. H. E. Dreier
25 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Dreier,

I dined with Mr. Peabody here last night and he confirmed some encouraging news about a new Conservation Commissioner. It is also encouraging to know that Mr., Peabody was very friendly to the effort to organize the small group as referred to in the attached. This note from the President of the Lake George Association virtually accepts my claim that they are not able or inclined to preserve the wild beauty of Lake George.

Of course we have in mind more extensive work for this organization, including some educational work through individuals in other organizations who we may make contact with in an unobtrusive manner.

I want, of course, all the advice and friendly council I can get, particularly from people like yourself and Mr. Dreier.

Incorporating the organization gives it a certain desirable standing and protects the individual members, and this is being considered. The purpose defined in the application for incorporation is at present..."to encourage the permanent preservation of the natural features of lands and waters in the New York State Forest Preserve, and to promote better protection and use of these lands and waters."

The law requires not less than three directors, and I have had in mind asking Mr. Dreier, Mr. Peabody and Dr. Langmuir, although there is some disadvantage in having Dr. Langmuir, in view of his close affiliation with the companies interested in hydro-electric. This is in appearance only, since he is most sympathetic with the purposes of the organization. Our problem is how to do effective work without bearing too heavily on the times and resources of any individual, and I would greatly appreciate any suggestions that you the Leach's, or other friends who might be interested, care to offer in this connection.

With best wishes to you and your family for a joyful Thanksgiving, and hoping to see both you and Mr. Dreier in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John S. Apperson