

p. t. Haukeli-seter,

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Private

My dear Baker,

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 Many thanks for your letter of July, 17th, which I have got here in the mountains where Immi and I have been for five weeks now, fishing, and writing and resting, we have had a good time, but winterly cold. It was a great pleasure, as always, to hear from you again, though the conditions you write about are really most deplorable. When I think of the League and how it is changing, it makes me often sad and uneasy, and gives a feeling similar to that described by Tennyson in the last tournament, when Lancelot sees the arena, which used to be that of Arthur's gallant knights, filled with bad knights of a new time fighting successfully. Yes indeed, it is already bad, and threaten to become worse. It is a real danger for the future of the League, and a wise warning must be given, although it may be doubtful whether it will help much. *And* ~~But~~ by whom? As far as I can see, it can only be done by one of the small nations who are not guilty; and perhaps Norway, as usual, or also Sweden (or Holland?) would have to do it. If Mowinckel comes to Genf in September, he could do it perhaps, and I will speak with him when I come back to Oslo. Hambro would only be too glad to do it, I believe; but it might be doubtful whether he ought to come too much to the front this year again, he might offend too many people and great powers, it was already much of it last year I am afraid, but if he could make his line more moderate, then perhaps? *eva* As to myself, it is probably better not, as I have already been so often at it. I had definitely decided not to go to Genf this year though I agreed to be appointed as 1st delegate for political reasons at home. Now it looks however, as I will have to go for some time at least on account of the Refugee questions which cause permanent difficulties as it seems. I should indeed have wished to talk this whole question over with you, but it is too long now. If I go I do not expect to be there in the beginning of the Assembly, at least not if Mowinckel is well enough to go then, he has been ill.

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 If it is in any way possible for you, it would at all events be a great thing if you could write down a few hints, as to what you consider most important to say about the threatening "nationalism"