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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It was fine to have a letter from you and the book came in another mail.

Jessie and I have just returned from Michigan where we laid to rest all that was mortal of Dr. Beal. I think you met him when you were here a number of years ago. He was past ninety-one years old, and up to the very last was in excellent health, cheerful and comfortable. He died in his sleep. It was most surprising and pleasing to us the real outpouring of sympathy and affection which we found both here and in Michigan. The old Quaker scientist had knit himself into many lives. He was one of the simplest and sincerest men I ever knew. Of course we had been expecting his death for a long time, but it was a shock when it came.

With very many good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Ray Stannard Baker

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