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Mr. H. S. Dennison,
Framingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Dennison:

Here are your "Old Girls" - at least as I see them. I shall be much interested to know if you think I am anywhere near right. Please don't hesitate to criticize or suggest.

I did not answer earlier your letter of July 22, in which you put down the attempt you want to make to hammer the business cycle into the heads of business men. I knew you would not be back, and I have really been too busy to think about it until today.

It is an interesting idea. I should think you ought to have an historical survey that would show the successive turns of the wheel. I am sure it could be made most interesting. And of course you would have an analysis of the forces that drove it down and an equal analysis of the things which might have been done to have kept it up. It really ought to be fascinating.

The people that you suggest, I should think that for the American, Bruce Barton is your best man. He is not at all a profound student but he has imagination, catches quickly at a hint, and is a facile and picturesque writer. Noyes of course would do well. You ought to get a real study out of him - so would Crother. And I should certainly try to get Blythe in for the Post. I think those are the most hopeful ones in your list.

If I were not up to my ears I would like to try an historical study, but it is out of the question for me now. If you have not done anything definite with by the time I go to Boston at the end of September for the Safety Conference, perhaps we can talk it over, and I may have picked up other ideas.

Please tell Mrs. Dennison that I spent yesterday at the Bryn Mawr summer school for working girls. Unless I very much mistake, they have thrown several small hand grenades into the educational as well as the industrial world, bound to be picked up - some of them by people who don't know a grenade when they see it. And there will be some mutilated fingers, if nothing worse. They have pulled off a real thing, but I am inclined to think that the ones that have learned the most are the members of the faculty. At any rate, what they have done down there is something that must be reckoned with.