

March 1st, 1912.

Mrs. Ellen Eames de Graff,  
Adams Centre, New York.

My dear Mrs. de Graff:-

I have been much impressed by your letter of the 25th. It gives special value to the approval of my present articles in The American Magazine. If they seem sound to you, with your experience, I am gratified.

You seem to me to be working out finely one of the best undertakings that a woman could have. There is more than one point, that you make in your letter, which corroborates some of my most treasured beliefs. I certainly hope you all success with your undertaking with your colony. But let it grow naturally, though some times that may seem to you very slowly. I am convinced that many community experiments have failed because those interested in them, came together in some artificial way; there was not a small strong group which had grown up together forming the nucleus; a group which would go on even if many of these who joined it fell out.

I certainly shall be glad to know from time to time, if you can take the trouble to write me, how you are getting on. And, if the day ever comes when I can drop in to see you, believe me, I shall do so. You are right in believing, if you can demonstrate practically your beliefs, that it will be worth tens of talk.

Very sincerely yours,

IMT.S.