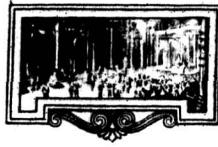


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Dear Miss Tarbell:

As one of the sanest and most honest women of our day, your views have a peculiar importance at a time of acute social and spiritual confusion like the present. Mr. Leach is most anxious to have you participate in a series of Forum articles which we hope will help to clarify the minds of men and women who find themselves in a sort of emotional dead-end.

In brief, our idea is this: Faulty education and modern civilization with its too great emphasis on material things have made it impossible for most people to realize themselves as fully as they might wish. In spite of your magnificent courage, you too must have come up against a stone wall from time to time, a wall of spiritual callousness, of crass social lying. What have these walls prevented you from doing? What abiding lacks have they been responsible for in your life?

Your answers to such questions we all feel would make a most stimulating article and would arouse widespread discussion among intelligent men and women all over the nation. It is suggested that this series be published under the general heading "What I Have Missed in Life". Does the idea appeal to you?

Cordially,

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