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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
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My dear Miss Tarbell,

Your letter about the Cheneys is extraordinarily interesting, and yet when I think it over carefully I am a little afraid to devote one entire article to these people. We ought, it would seem, to show in the same article that at least the thing can be as well done under a somewhat different scheme and procedure. Less paternally and with perhaps a higher rate of payment.

I am not set on this view, but I have an idea that it is possible anywhere to find certain representatives of the paternal scheme of business that take their affairs in a large and fine way, with a sense of responsibility. We want to give these people the finest presentation, but if we isolate them and make reservations and conditions it would look a little as if the exceptions were for that case alone. I hope you are getting full notes of all this so that nothing will get away and it can be formulated in the best possible manner later on even if the method is not determined now.

I had an impression that your article on William ~~Redfield~~ Redfield was finished. Bert did not seem to know anything about it. Perhaps you took it away with you. Let us know about this, please.

I hope you are taking very good care of yourself and not overworking. I was very doubtful as to the wisdom of your going at all at the present time. The only way you can justify it is to do what you have to do in the easiest and most comfortable manner. Take more time rather than less. Don't crowd your days too full so that the very rush and stress of it puts you back in health.

Faithfully yours,

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