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Dear Mr. Moir:

Forgive the delay in replying to your letter of February 14th. I have been very busy, not reading my mail for several days.

Yes, of course, an article on "What I Have Missed in Life" appeals to me. I am afraid one of the difficulties today is that we are all trying to find alibis for not having gotten more out of life, excusing our inadequacies by searching for scapegoats.

The "stone walls" that I have come up against have been within myself, few of them outside of ~~course~~; but I have always been able to climb over them or shut my eyes to them. But those things within myself are the ones that have got me.

So you see, dear Mr. Moir, I am not a fit subject for your symposium. Beside I am tied up with work promised and I haven't much strength with which to do it. What you ask is a serious matter. I would not think of doing it without giving much longer reflection and time than I have.

But please believe that it gratifies me that you think I might be able to say something for your symposium which would interest The Forum.

Regretting to decline, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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