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Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

You will forgive me for never having answered your letter of weeks ago in which you so kindly copied out Arnold Bennett's impression of me in 1911. We three spinsters were all much amused by his recollection, Miss Warbury particularly. The really funny thing about it was that while we all remembered the luncheon we all had forgotten that it was given for Arnold Bennett. Now how do you explain that? But it is the actual truth. We remembered that John Phillips gave it; we remembered the Club; we remembered that Anne and Bessie were going to Washington and that I couldn't go along, but Arnold Bennett - no - so far as our memories are concerned he wasn't there.

I am glad you saw Mr. McClure. He is not well or gay these days - not his old self. And he has developed a grudge against all of those whose recollections of what he did in his days are not what he thinks correct. I heard him say Charles Beard the other night, saying that if everything in the History of American Civilization was as incorrect as what he said about the ~~in~~ the McClure's Magazine why the book wasn't worth the paper it was written on, or something to that effect.

We are still talking at the Pen & Brush about your lecture and a score of members have said to me how much they regretted that they were not there. They are busy folks, these members, and it is hard to get them together.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours

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