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Dear Lady;

Bully — such a grip and power and interest!

I fear my insolence, meant to be gay as I felt — knowing what you could do, lift a sense of the unbecoming on my part — but this paper makes me justify myself.

I regret this that the word as

Mr Rockfellers

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benevolences showing the
same powers as came out
in S.O. — that sentence has
hopelessly fallen in its name,
but you see what I want to
say. It would come in very
easily at points where the S.O. is
being characterized. I have done something like, with bits of
memory made vivid to me from your
long ago talk than they are now to you.
Others is going to be a book! Let me
see anything you'd like me to see in last revision
With affection, Viola B.

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