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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I meant to send you something that would be mighty good for Christmas, namely, Mr. Myers' very enthusiastic judgment of your first two chapters of the biography. I did not read the manuscript myself because he took it right with him, and you know how anxious we all are when we first examine a very, very important manuscript. His letter made me happy through all the days following and helped make my Christmas the happiest Christmas I ever remember having.

It pleases me first of all because it showed appreciation and a capacity for enthusiasm, and secondly, because the manuscript was so good.

We are taking new offices on Park Avenue, the west side, north of 46th Street, the same building that the American Magazine is moving to. I am hoping and planning to have a desk for you so that you can come in at any time and feel at home. We have a splendid outlook for the magazine.

This is also to thank you for your Christmas card to Mrs. McClure and me. She expressed herself several times that it was the happiest Christmas of her life. I was calling on my brother John yesterday morning and he expressed the same thought. It was his happiest Christmas; he controls two houses and is making a good income in letting out rooms, and is very happy, and Helen has a very good position as matron in a girls' school in Farmington, Conn. Bessie has made a most sensational success of her work at Lord & Taylor's and is now earning ten thousand a year, with everything looking very bright for her future.

Robert has created certain business for his firm, the J. G. White Company, that have increased the profits enormously. He is now one of the four men at the head of the firm and is a partner in the firm. So that really we have all reason to be happy, and above all is the coming back of the magazine under such splendid auspices.

Faithfully yours,

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New York City.

