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Dear Ida M:

Yesterday I finished reading your new and most instructive book. It is interesting and carefully weighed from the beginning to the end. My enthusiasm grew steadily from the opening page until the final one. An extraordinarily intricate and involved subject is handled

with what seems to me an easy
 mastery, and with constant
 discrimination, - no slight dis-
 crimination, being an achievement,
 and the constant control you
 exercise and state with such
 reserve and such brevity being
 masterly and, in my opinion,
 final. You have written admirably
 before this one, and I
 happen to recall among them a
 slight study of the Standard
 Oil and of a certain Abraham

Lincoln, but you have now
 written a more difficult one
 than this, or one more challenging
 to your fairness or to your
 penetration. It is a wonderful
 accomplishment. All hail to
 such ability and such
 honesty.

Meanwhile do enjoy your
 Christmas. You have certainly
 earned a fine one. The Hazens, and
 several hundreds of thousands of
 other friends, can certify to that.

With much affection,

Charles Dorman H.