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Dear Mrs. MacLean:

How good of you to write me so warmly about "All in the Day's Work." If friends like you and Gertrude like it I am inclined to think there is much more of a book than I dared hope. As a matter of fact I had serious misgivings about it, but my friends have been more than kind.

I am particularly pleased that your husband was able to read it. Perhaps it softened a little the resentment of the History of the Standard Oil Company of which you speak, though I am sure he found no apology for that opus in this story.

Since you say I may I will keep Mrs. Brownell's note along with yours to look at sometime when I am downhearted.

How wonderful to have three grandchildren. Believe me it is better than three books.

And thank you for the charming birthday greeting. Think of being eighty two - I can't believe it.

Affectionately yours

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