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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Bethel, Connecticut

My dear Miss Tarbell,

No doubt famous people often receive strange requests, but I hope that you will find the time to comply with this one.

Our study club has for its theme this year, "Other Women's Lives." On October 19, I am to give as our first program a review of your book, All in the Day's Work. This book is delightful reading and will appeal to our group I am sure — although you have had such a successful career, it seems that you can still see down to the level of the ordinary homemaker, and you don't make us feel that our lives are being wasted if we don't drop our home duties and go marching off to champion some cause or other.

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Nevertheless, I don't propose to be a very talented book reviewer and I have thought it might add to the interest of the review if I had a personal word from you.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience and shall greatly appreciate it if you can find the time to do me this favor.

Yours very truly,
Valle W. Bond

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