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Dear Miss Tarbell:

It was kind of you to telegraph. I am back from the Institute - my first experience with hospitals by the way - with rather wobbly legs and no voice but a squeak. But I'm glad the ordeal is over. I should have had it done three years ago. My normal health is excellent and I believe I can do more work and better - not in terms of hours but in management - than ever I could before. I am learning to get the maximum of joy out of the old machine and hope to do better ten years

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hence.

You, by the way, are a constant source of admiration and inspiration! The way you go forward with your head up, your enthusiasm unabated, doing fine things, is a comfort and a joy. I am glad you are in the world — and a friend of mine!

I am going to send you a small box of our Massachusetts McIntoshes which we think top-notch. Our trees are just coming into full bearing and this year we had a noble crop.

The last time I was in New York I

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gave your telephone a ring but you were out.
I hope for better luck next time.
With all kinds & good wishes, in which Mrs.
Baker joins me.

Your friend,

Ray Stannard Baker

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