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Mr. Charles Sincere
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My dear Mr. Sincere:

It was pleasant to have your letter of the 13th handed me at the dinner of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation last Saturday night. I am glad to know that you are interested in the undertaking. I am sure that there is an idea there that is capable of practical development though whether it should be through a university I am not convinced. If it is to be a new institution it must be one on entirely new lines. That, I take it, is what John Dewey has in mind, and who is so well prepared to direct a progressive institution as he? It would be most interesting to see what comes of it.

And now about your daughter. I should say decidedly that she had a sense of what writing means. There is observation, a stirred imagination, an effort to get down what the city said to her. She should, by all means, go on writing - writing - writing.

If she goes to Wellesley, she will find wise direction in the English department, an opportunity to major, if she wishes, in writing, under Miss Hart, a rare teacher.

An important thing - almost a main thing, is to establish the habit of putting down her own reactions to things seen and felt. I should certainly encourage her to go on, reading the best - which is not necessarily the latest! keeping her own judgment free, studying the methods of others, caring more for expressing what she is after than for getting something published. Let her do this - and work, work, work! And I see no reason why she should not become a writer.

And please believe me, my dear Mr. Sincere, I am pleased that you should have let me see what your daughter has done.

Sincerely yours