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Dear Darling Ida Tarbell:

You have moved me to the depths of my soul, or is it of my heart? Or both? When has any pen brought alive a past day, and the emotions of that day, as has your pen and yourself in the pages of: ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK!

Most marvelous to me is that you have shown me in my own case the perplexities and emotional mental conflicts of my own youth, as I have never understood these before! Those days of mystery when at school we worked with our teacher in the school laboratory- that day in that laboratory when she rigged up an apparatus and we heard for the first time what was being revealed to the public as the: Telephone !

And still more: The day I was confirmed, and there at the altar questioned in my heart my sincerity. Those days later when one devoted male - a young Episcopal minister brought me Phillips Brooks books to read, another devoted male brought me Herbert Spencer, Huxley, Darwin, and Henry George! And where was I ? I did not know! And you unknowingly today through your pages have showed me! Proof of the universality of what you have put in those pages!

And when you come to the day's of McClure's, and I live again through you, those vicarious experiences that were mine through the group of you there in that office, I can hardly stand the emotional up-surgings. Never was such a group of human beings gathered together for the time being, devoted to one general end, as that group, from MR Phillips, S.S., yourself, Viola, Bert, Ray Baker, on through the list!

We are going slowly, because in reading it aloud to my invalid, Attwood, we stop at every new turn of subject, to recall, discuss, retell to each other old memories brought up. You have done an imperishable page in the history of your and many others day, and every one who is reading it agrees that this is so, as I chance to talk with them

I won't wear you out by going into this and that chapter or page of recall. But something occurred

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yesterday that I feel I must report to you.

To go back to your last letter to me, in which you mentioned that you found so much that you had not told in this volume, that you were even then seeing another vook of memories. And Alice Rice confirms this by your letters to her. Which brings me to yesterday:

I went up to Frankfort for the day yesterday to the funeral of an old friend. The great-granddaughter of the first Governor of Kentucky, and living there in the original old Garrard home its yard sloping down to the river, persons were there from all sections of the Bluegrass, former Governors, retired Bishops of her church, editors, politicians etc etc

On everyside in Frankfort are historic spots, and many of us lunching together, much of thepast came up. To center on the fact, much wondered about, that no one to date had written the story of how McClure's Magazine, and Governor Black of New York, were to be accerditied with saving Caleb Powers from death by hanging, following the murder of Governor Goebbel.

As it was all planned down here, out there at Anchorage, if and when, God be praised, you come down this autumn, there should be material for you in certain files down here, together with the files of the office up there!

And now what? Walter Winchell said in his column a week ago there in exeactly four months, S S was going to re-issue McClure's Magazine! And some one sends me a clipping from some New York paper confirming this. Why youth returns within myself at the news of it as I read it! Can it be so? Hurrah! And Mr Phillips with him ?

Oh me, I must stop. You'll be exhausted with me and my superlatives. But you've yourself to blame, you wrote this book, I didn't! So there!

With love from us both, and our eternal gratitude,

Always and ever yours

Gamye Bradden Martin

Alice + X + some others go on a picnic Monday - what fun! Out to Iroquois where

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