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Miss Zoe Kellogg,
Morningside College,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Miss Kellogg:

I was glad to get your letter of January 6th. It is a spirited defense of your undertaking. It makes me keenly conscious that I may be leaning overbbackwards in my insistence that, so far as possible people in this world ought to stand on their own feet, particularly that we ought to do it here in America, in communities as advanced and as rich, even if temporarily embarrassed as the State of Iowa is. I do not see how we are going to work it out any other way. Vigorous, resolute, self-supporting, with a hand reached out to those who are really weak and really backward. I hate the idea that strength lies only in money. We have too much of that. You are strong in your youth and your opportunity. You can, by your own vigorous efforts, carry out your schemes not quickly perhaps, but in time.

You would understand my letter better, my dear Miss Kellogg, if you could see my daily mail. Twice a day, at least, as they do to everyone whose name is in the "Who's Who", come prayers for assistance. It is utterly impossible for a working woman, as I am, with my family obligations, as well as those of the activities with which I am connected, to contribute to a twentieth of the causes forwhich I am solicited. In the majority of the cases it is for people who have no way of helping themselves as I feel that you girls have. So, you see, when your letter came along, with those for crippled children, broken men and women, forschools in foreign lands, I broke out as I did. But I do not want you to think that I am a harsh old lady who really owes something to you because you read my books; but my dear, where would I come out if I contributed to everyone who reads my books? That was on your part hardly a worthy argument.

However, I am sending you a little check, begging you to take it and if my letter left a rankle, firgive it.

Very sincerely,

IMT BWK.

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