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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your Book is the pride and delight of each of us in your adoring Pen & Bonsh Circle who has been fortunate enough to have read it. Katherine Hudson would have given a great deal to review it, and Clara Wolworth has written a tremendous review, and I have never seen her so moved as the other day, when she came into my room

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and showed me, with
real emotion, your letter
about it to her. I am
glad she has that. I believe
it will do her good for
the rest of her life.

Your interest in what goes
on in the club is so great
that I want to report to
you that things above &
below seem to me decidedly
better. I know more about
the ~~the~~ attic situation than
that below. Mrs O'Hara had
tea with Mrs Crim & me
Saturday and the former
reported a much more
pleasant & normal atmosphere
on the South side that
before. I had a little

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personal talk with Clara. She and I go almost every week to sit under the ~~the~~ direct fire of Dr Moldenhauer at the 1st Presbyterian Church, and his words are practical & get under the skin of daily living. It's pretty good tonic for one living in a group. We only transferred letters this February.

I can't write you and stay off your great book. It is the finest autobiography of any woman. This was agreed to by our William Allen Whites & KW & me the other day. How I wish every one in public life would take your findings to heart!

When I finished it and read your last paragraph I found myself crying. That was because it was so perfect. I felt as one does at the close of a great play — or poem — stirred & grateful. Thank you for giving all this to us and so much beside. Your understanding of France, just now — coming at this time — and your loving your experience in Paris so much is very lovely to us, who find the French thing so utterly misunderstood, except in better fortunate spots.

We are having spirited meetings in the club and every one thinks, I feel sure, we're having a very good time. And we are all looking forward to your return & are hoping that you are taking my good care of your precious self.

affectionately Edith Swain

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