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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just finished all in the Day's Work, and I want you to know how much I enjoyed it - last night I read until 1 - and how much I appreciate you and the work you have done.

I have always thought highly of you and your work, but now I know you deserved much more commendation than I have given you.

You have done work of great and permanent value. And it has always been work based upon unselfishness. This was true of you and of your subject, and I know that you have the right to say: The world is better for my contributions.

In these days, to my mind more than before, we are going through a mess which is largely due to the selfishness of the leaders, and this usually true of the political leaders. I cannot see far ahead, and I feel much pessimism for our future.

While I am opposed to war, I believe there are worse things, i.e. shirking our responsibilities for assisting those, both within and without the country, who are fighting for life and liberty.

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And I believe absolutely if those fail in the present fight, we will then have to fight for our own lives and liberty.

Thanking you for all you have done to increase the knowledge, to learn the truth, and help our fellow men, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

Fred W Dewart

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