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My Dear Miss Tarbell:

A serial publication is in our respect like a race - the final and best judgment is formed when the runner breaks the tape, or when the writer puts (") at the end of the manuscript. I have closely watched your study of the Standard Oil company and have heard many comments. Surely it has been judicial, as well as searching, but it seems to me that in the summing up you were at your best - just as a racer should come to the tape. I have been fearful that you might lose your

head, as so many people do in such an investigation, and ask for more legislation as a remedy. But I need not have feared that you would have such ignoble refuge. Evidently you trust in God and have faith in humanity: "There is no cure but in an increasing scorn for unfair play," and surely that is coming.

Your conclusion is as fine as Lowell's reply (in the international copy right discussion): "There is one thing better than a cheap book, and that is a book honestly come by." This is said to have won the copyright fight. Yours will surely

make much more for decency
in business than any
enactment could accomplish.

I am one of your readers
— and lovers — who want to
thank you for what you
have done.

Mrs. Boardman is with me
here & we may be detained
until Xmas, for I have bought
a paper here and am
establishing a British edition
of Railroad Gazette. It is
slow work, but very charming.
We want to see you again,
and we want to see our native
land again. Sincere regards,
W H Boardman