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Chautauqua

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Dear Mr. Allen:

Quite apart from the interest in your letter is the interest in hearing from you and knowing that you are hard at it.

It was good of you to take the trouble to write me about the letter I wrote for the Times on the C L S C and I liked your saying that you never in your several years of university life saw any such average avidity as you saw in the Minnesota C L S C group. That's it - avidity.

Yes, I think the Rockefellers might have been more open-minded about adult education than they seemed to have been up to date. Even ~~John~~ Vincent failed to educate them apparently.

And now as to your suggestion about what sounds from your letter like a very exciting chase. If I were not over-whelmed with work and it did not look as if I were going to be for two or three years, I would like to look into this matter. I am quite sure it would take a great deal of time and patience to really untangle and convince oneself. I must not think of it. I am going to put your letter away and when I take up, as I hope to do before very long, the third volume of the History of the Standard Oil Company I will see if there is anything in this case that would fit into my general scheme, which really is the business story for 1904 on.

As to finding a publisher ~~that~~ would handle it - that would require, for me at least, a thorough sifting of the records before approaching one. Possibly one day I can, as I say, look into it, but not now.

Thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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