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Dearest Miss Tarbell,

I found Miss Cone had a copy of my "biography" which I sent to Mr. Young when he asked me for it ages ago. You don't know how it touched me to have you regard me as a nominee for the famous Twelve Hall of Fame! Of course these things don't really mean anything but it just means everything in the world to me to have your good opinion. I've been particularly depressed lately for some foolish and unaccountable reason. Not that I think "recognition" means anything if you are really sincere in your work and aims, but I've been weeding out a lot of old papers and finding eulogistic things to president of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. said after I made a report of the plant at Monongahela City (where conditions were bad and necessitated a brutal report) and ~~what~~ other things which seem to show I used to accomplish

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more to improve the conditions I worked than I do now. But maybe it is just because I am more distant from the battle field that I feel that way.

Anyhow, you are a dear and I am feeling a singing heart inside I am because you think highly & insignificant me.

Please excuse this sheet of paper! I just got back from vacation and have not yet "equipped" my desk.

I am hoping to go on the Pacific cruise a week from Saturday. Is there any evening next week you could dine with me at Virginia Needham's on McDougall St., opposite McDougall Alley? I do not know whether the National Arts Club dining room is open yet. I'd so love to see you before I go.

Much love,

Mary Gilson

P.S. I am mailing this at 3:30 P.M. Here in our building so hope you will get it tonight.

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