

October 4, 1935

My dear Mr. Van Sant:

I have before me a letter and enclosure that you were good enough to send several months ago to Mr. Lawrence Conant, the Associate Editor of the Pictorial Review. Mr. Conant had asked for information concerning your Relief and Pension Department for my guidance in a series of editorial articles I was preparing for them. The space at my command was so limited that I was unable to give the attention to your interesting information which I would have been most glad to have done. However, the probability is that I shall be expanding the material which I discuss in these editorial articles, putting them possibly into a small book and then I hope to use freely of the information you sent Mr. Conant.

At the moment I am making a digest of the material for a paragraph in a book which I have on hand covering the business life of the last twenty years of the 19th Century, and I shall be very grateful if you will look over the paragraphs and if I have fallen into error at any point in figures and understanding be good enough to correct me.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give me, believe me

Very truly yours

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