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Dear Clyde Robertson:

I dislike very much to refuse you anything, but here is a case in which I must. I have had to make a rule not to accept invitations to act as a judge in the case of novels. If I do for one I must do for another so that I decided some time ago that I must withdraw from this type of contest. You should go to some recognized critic. Isabel Patterson of the New York Tribune would be one whose judgment would be worth having. If you would like someone from the Pen & Brush I think Louise Field would be as able a person as I know. She is a regular reviewer for the New York Times, has a fine critical judgment and much experience. I really think she would be a better person than Isabel Patterson for you.

I hope you will not think I am ungenerous. In self-protection I have had to cut off this kind of work for which I am not now fit - not sufficiently in touch with fiction output.

Very sincerely yours

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