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Personal Idea of Emerson Age Quiet.

Traverse City, R.R. I, Box 43
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Miss Ida Tarbell
My Dear Miss Tarbell:

Years ago you wrote an article on M. C. Eddy which was published in McClure's. I read it and found it interesting. - While in college I loaned Mel (a minister's son, and a fine chap) a young man who later took his oath, which was not much, and went to Harvard. He was an eager person always seeking light, truth, etc. During his Cambridge stay he sought out M. C. E. and Norwood her, an old woman, became terribly disillusioned. I do not think he sinned; I think he had stimy hands laid upon him. He told me the story, for he trusted me. - In sorting over my old belongings I came across Mel-enclosed letter. That is to say one page is here, the one that will interest you. My friend is about so now and has four sons. - His words follow:

"I have not been true to mine own self." There is no greater damnation than to be under the influence of a "saint." To be intimate with me, loved by me, canonized by me, is tantamount to death. There is neither wisdom, humanity,

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self-control was compunction in ie a "saint," but
ie a prince to ace him, for fear I be
sainted." - Mrs Rev Eddie-Eddy, writes
ie firmac, was a sadder dreadful
affair, and it has been burned.

I notice, by the way, that the sheet I
meant to enclose has a second writing
page. Well, never mind, ill send it anyway. Please understand that I expect
no comment. I am almost 60 myself,
and am not vividly interested in
prisoners. - I like what Dr. R. Winslow
said: "Life is defaibjable renewals;
pem corruption. Nothing wasted!
Nature's secret". Drawing paper

May I add that always I enjoy
your writing. I read it
like a poised, judicial mind, and
surely yours is that - no fuss in it,
no feathers in top of it. I sometimes
wonder why you did not study law.

When I lived in N. York years ago I stayed
in a boarding house on E. 18th St. - 1/2 square
from 4th Ave. and 3rd Irving Place. So I
know just about where you are - near W. Irving
time. And may the good powers bless you!

Very sincerely,
(Mrs. F.R.) Ida Tarbell Hollenbeck

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