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Mr. Walter H. Graves
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My dear Mr Graves:

I hope you will forgive me for having so long neglected the five lectures which you sent me last October.

I read them and they of course interested me very much as all of your work has done, but I felt when I looked them over that it would be very difficult to find a publisher. It would be bad for you for me to directly submit them to any publisher. They are now, however, in the hands of an agent - my own agent - from whom I hope to have them in a short time, and an idea as to whether anything can be done with them and if he is willing to handle them. Just as soon as I hear from him I will write you.

I greatly regret that I have been so slow, but they came in the late fall when I was having a pretty hard time, not very well, an ulcerated tooth, and a congestion of work. This is not a real excuse for neglecting a friend's request, but it was the factor which caused me to be so slow about your manuscripts. I am going away today for three weeks, and I hope to be able on my return to give you a final answer.

I hope your daughter will come back to see you this year. I am glad she is having so successful a time.

Very sincerely yours

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