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My dear Dr. Talmage:

Forgive the delay in replying to your letter of January 10th. It was not due to any lack of interest in it and in your project, but it came at a moment when I was over-crowded with work. Indeed I am just getting to the point of cleaning up my desk after a month's neglect.

And now as to the contents of your letter. You know I have long been interested in Dr. Craft's plan for starting an "Exodus from Poverty." Both his critical attitude toward the economic system under which we live and his desire to find some just and practical way out appeal to me. I do not know that I can be of any service at the present moment. In the first place I doubt if your Bill has a shadow of a chance of even discussion by Congress. That is no reason, however, for not presenting it. I am inclined to think that the projects already on hand for reconstruction are all that the country are going to be able to consider for some time. While I doubt the possibility of Congress doing anything with the Bill I do think that your Commodity Wage contract might very well get a hearing by Dr. Reutenstrauch. I shall write him asking him to consider it.

As to my doing an article you know I have long wanted to do something on Dr. Craft. He was one of the first to awaken my mind. When I was only a little girl he set me to trying to reconcile "Genesis and Geology." I should like very much to do a little sketch of him and of course that would include a discussion of the "Exodus from Poverty," a discussion which would be entirely sympathetic with the ideal.

if you have ever collected any
personal material about Dr. Craft that you
could turn over to me I should be glad to have
it.

You offered to send me a book, but
I already have a copy. Thanking you again for
your letter and apologizing again for my delay,
believe me

Very sincerely yours

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