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Dear Miss Tarbell:

The autographed copy of "All in the Day's Work" came to me safely a week ago, and I am glad and proud to have so well told a life story, bearing so generous a tribute to the copy editor, on my shelves.

In justice to the author, however, I must answer that the copy editor cannot make good a book that is not already good. Granted such a book, he may be able to make it better by eliminating minor errors, smoothing rough places, and helping the author to give it a polish.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Gibson  
Miss Ida M. Tarbell