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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am very much ashamed that I have been so long in replying to your interesting letter of December twelfth. I have been fighting a cold and have been visiting the doctor three or four times a week, and my correspondence has been piling up appallingly.

I sent your letter to several members of the staff and am sorry to say that the items under the general title "Life After Eighty" do not meet with much enthusiasm as we are constantly being urged to have more youth appeal in the Companion. Personally, I found them very interesting and am looking forward to the book which I think will be popular among people who are of middle age and over.

The material which you mention on the last page of your letter sounds much better and I would like very much to talk it over with you. I am sorry to say that will be impossible until after the holidays. I will write you again early in January and see if we can arrange an appointment that is mutually convenient.

Faithfully yours,

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Since dictating this letter a manuscript has come from you which I shall read and report on as soon as possible.