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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am very much interested by the opinion that you expressed in your letter. It is gratifying to me that your visit to our little Mousery has led your thoughts to the vast problem of the conditions of intellectual life in the modern world. Indeed, if we could possess the advantages brought about by organization, and still have the possibility of meditation and concentration, as they were realizable in the world of yesterday, great scientific progress would result. It does not seem impossible, a priori, to develop in scientific institutions of the present type the psychological and material conditions which are requisite for the display of creative imagination. But the problem has to be faced squarely.

When I return from France next September, I hope to hear more of your views on this subject.

Yours very sincerely,

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