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347 Bay St. Toronto,
April 1, 1935.

Dear Mr. Pike:

I have your letter of 27th and will have a dozen more copies of the speech sent you.

Opinions, of course, will never be unanimous on any subject such as the greatest manifestation of intellect in literature. If, however, they become unanimous with the single exception of Will Durant, I for one will call it one hundred per cent. I read his book "The Story of Philosophy", and could get nothing from it which seemed to me of real value. The quotation you make from him indicates his utter incapacity to appreciate a man of the magnitude of Shakespeare.

Shakespeare did not pretend to be a scientist in any sphere. He was a poet and dramatist. The quotation Durant takes from him is not a mistake at all; it is a great and beautiful conception. Bacon was a scientific writer and his mistakes ^{not only} are in number but ludicrous in character.

My thinking is pretty much as indicated in the quotation you make from Robert Lynd.

Yours very truly,

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