LETTER I

It is very kind of you to laud my generosity in giving you a small cheque for the building of your parish room. You say, "Considering that your income is small, and other calls upon it many, etc." I really might have felt saintly when reading this had not the opposite fact stared me uncomfortably in the face. My income, which you in your kindness so slightingly apprize, is really very large compared with other people's, because I find it does almost everything I want, and theirs does not. I have my full share of the feast of life, for I am always well fed and warmed, and have plenty of energy for my kind of sport.

But now, having rejected your genial