Peekskill, Dec. 11/71

Dear Ashley:

I don't feel quite satisfied to have you doubting—even though my old friend Prof. Hughes writer me long letters to convince me, against my eyesight, that one cannot do 1/4th of what we claim. Indeed, he says I seem being fooled—which is bad.

The first ten minutes you have to spare, I wish you would gratify me by criticising the included memorandum as sharply as you please, either by written memorandum or editorially, as you choose—but if the latter, please do not mention my name or Sittle's.
If feeling or anxiety counts for anything, I have ten times more at stake in my pet scheme of telegraphing than everybody else, and whilst I do not care in the least for the criticisms of the dead fools at 145, I do care much for yours, because I know you wish for the progress we claim to be making, and I also know that if you have reasons disproving what I claim, you will state them fairly, and they will be such as will command the respect of all.

Of course we do not expect to employ girls altogether, but chiefly for day work, but in the main, girls will answer as well as men – the mental labor not being 1/4 part as much as to do the work.