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Dear Sir,

I am collecting materials for a study on THE CONDITIONS OF SUCCESSFUL INTELLECTUAL WORK. It will be dedicated to young people who wish to devote their life to science and art.

I have decided to ask for the opinion of prominent scientific, cultural and social workers whose life work has already become the valuable property of all the advanced and cultivated people of their country and is also justly appreciated in other lands.

I make so bold to ask you your personal opinion on the following questions:

From the standpoint of the actual stage you have reached in your self-sacrificing life and work, what advice would you give to talented young people to help their endeavours lead to profitable results for the flourishing and progress of science and art in their country, for the consolidation of peace and the strengthening of a fruitful cultural co-operation between the nations?

What circumstances have had the most beneficial influence on the upward creative course of your life? What obstacles did you overcome, what reefs had you to avoid while proceeding in the course of your successful intellectual work? What are the problems in the field of your special knowledge and creation on which should be focussed the attention and efforts of the progressive and social forces, especially those of the young generation on which the future is to be built?

Who are the personalities you have valued most so far in the field of science and art representing your sphere of action? What contribution have they given to the history of human culture? What results of their constructive work do you recommend to our attention? What aspects of their character and work methods would you suggest as an example to the young generation of to-day in a country where creative construction is in full swing?

I hope you will favour me with a reply and make it as comprehensive as you may esteem the formulated questions require and deserve it.

Yours very truly,

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