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Dear Mr. Noel Buxton,

I do not think it would be necessary to have more than one Country Life Institute of the kind I tried to describe in the latter of my two pamphlets. From your letter I am not quite certain whether I gave you the pamphlet on The Neglect of Rural Life, (meaning to send you the sequel - The Country Life Institute) or whether I gave you the latter only. My argument is, briefly, that somewhere there should be what I have called a laboratory of sociological research restricted to the country side of things. I made a case, which I hope is more ^{than} plausible on pages 29, 30 of No. 2 Pamphlet, for placing the Institute in Ireland. I may say that I have been fortunate enough to get the entire approval for the scheme of many persons whose judgment I value, among them Alfred Marshall, the Sydney Webbs and Bernard Shaw. Of course I should try to have the Institute - if I could ever catch my millionaire who is to endow it - in close touch with all kinds of associations doing cognate work.

I send you the two pamphlets and also an Address I delivered at the British Association, as the three go more or

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less together. I should be more than grateful for anything you could do towards getting influential support for the idea. I am trying hard to arouse Arthur Balfour's interest in the question. If I succeed, I shall try the Prime Minister through my friend Vaughan Nash.

Yours very truly,

Grace Humber