SECOND OPINION

A GOOD APPLE
Dr. Levine’s comments in the July issue brought back a flood of memories for me. For I, too, had the privilege of studying under Dr. Franklin Reeve while at Columbia. Dr. Reeve was my preceptor for literature humanities during the first semester of my sophomore year.

For a naive 17-year-old product of academic acceleration in the New York City school system it was a revelation. More than anyone else he opened my eyes to the richness of literature and philosophy, an appreciation that I’ve maintained on some level to this day. His Russian influence must have been there as well for I took a Russian literature course as an elective in my senior year, which I also cherish. It’s been a long time since I thought about Professor Reeve. Thank you, Dr. Levine, for writing your article, which allowed me to relive some of those pleasant emotions.

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WE YEARN FOR JERNE
The October article on Niels Jerne captures much of the personal charm as well as the innovative scientific insight that characterized my blood cousin. I’ve sent a copy to his wife.

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