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12 West 85th Street
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

The enclosed article lays before you the words of Dr. Ellaine Elmore, the founder of "Our Children", upon the greatest known profession,- that of Motherhood.

Dr. Elmore's experience has taught her that the problem child usually comes from a problem home; and that the mother in that home is often the one in need of emotional adjustment.

To meet this need, there has been created a foundation organization called "Our Children Inc.", the visible form under which this work exists and functions. It is now desirable to extend the work to the following departments:

1. A Psychological Resting Home for both adults and children.
 2. A College for Mothers and Potential Mothers.
 3. A Personality Clinic for Mothers and Children where existing problems may be handled.
 4. An Advanced School for the training of graduate workers.
 5. A Source from which the knowledge may be spread by the printed word, by speech, and by radio.
- Lectures open to the general public.

A supremely suitable home center is available, if we can be assured of funds sufficient to meet the operating costs during the initial period. It is intended to make the work self-supporting from revenues received from the Resting Home, the School, and the literature. But it is also intended to make the services of the home available for those who cannot pay as well as for those who can.

The proposed center is in keeping with the sense of the dignity of living and with the nature and scope of the work. It offers not only the inner loveliness of a home, but a place where the troubled soul can feel itself close to the eternal pulse of Nature and draw strength from the timeless stream which the great Earth Mother pours forth for her children.

Such a setting ordinarily requires much time and skill in selection with an enormous initial outlay of money, to acquire, or to create. Being offered at this time for the use of "Our Children", it makes possible to do a more wide-spread constructive service for this generation and the next, with a smaller cash outlay, than could be possible under other conditions.

"Our Children" already has funds placed at its disposal by the creators and these funds have been sufficient to inaugurate the work and to carry it forward since the beginning of the year. During these eight or nine months Dr/ Elmore has broadcasted over W.O.R. to an ever-widening circle of eager and interested listeners, as evidenced by the mail directed to her at W.O.R. She has written for some of the National Magazines, and has given a course of lectures under the sponsorship of New York University. She has spoken, by invitation, almost constantly to schools, teachers, principals, parent-teacher associations, civic and social groups, and to organized groups meeting by their request in her study.

Since this is a co-operative work, "Our Children" has been incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and shares of stock will be issued to those who by gifts make possible to do an enlarged work of usefulness. Certificates will be issued to those who are willing to aid in a limited way. No gift is too large or too small. This is a national movement. It is fundamental to the very life and existence and wellbeing of our country. It is desirable to extend the work as quickly as possible to every city, town, and hamlet in the country.

Will you help?

Sincerely yours

David Cole
Director