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Dear Mr. Watt:

Thank you for your prompt attention to my letter asking for information as to the present condition of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

You give me just what I wanted to know. I am writing an editorial for the Pictorial Review on the public and private health work of the Nation and I was anxious to put in a paragraph for your admirable undertaking.

When I first ran upon it down in Louisiana I was tremendously impressed. I was glad enough to have a chance to pay a tribute to what you were doing in the article in the Delineator to which you refer. I am thankful that you have been able to carry on so finely through all these hard years. I hope things are coming back for your membership.

And don't for a moment think I ever again shall be annoyed by a Shriners' Convention. You may make all the noise you please as far as I am concerned, celebrate in any way that any one of your members care to do and you will never hear a complaint from me again. Perhaps if you did not know how to celebrate so well you would not have so soft a spot in your heart for those who suffer. Gaiety and sympathy go together very often, certainly in the case of the Shriners.

I will let you know when the little editorial comes out. It is not an article, but if I ever get a chance I shall do more on your work - it deserves it.

Thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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