April 26, 1922

Mrs. Mary H. Wolford,
Y.W.C.A.Mining Town Worker,
Minden, W.Va.

My dear Mrs. Wolford:

Thank you for your letter from Minden. I was of course surprised to hear from you there. I can easily see how the situation calls for all the intelligence, patience, tolerance and sympathy that a human being can command. Don't be discouraged. And don't let anything make you embittered. It is a hard, hard problem, and I take it that nobody can contribute more than you in such centres as the Y.W. is establishing.

It occurred to me that it might be very well worth while for you to set down day by day just what comes under your eye, - purely the human exhibit, your efforts to soften the hardships, what the people say and think - all without any theory, no more than to give an actual exhibit. I don't know what you could do in the end with such material, but I am sure it would be useful.

Good success to you. I shall always be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

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