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Bulletin, & proud to be an honorary
member -

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Dearest Julie:

I have not written for several
months because I have been
ill, and did not want to tell
you until I was better. Our
nervous heart and the old
spinal trouble have given me
a bad time, it since the first
of July. But I am up again
and stepping out a bit, but
not able to do any work.

The other day when I saw you
were to speak at the Mobilization
for Human Needs meeting, I
thought it was a night program,
and patiently waited before the
radio until ten-thirty just on
the chance of hearing your
beloved voice.

This morning I received a clip-
ping from "The Sun" with an ac-
count of your speech and I joined
in your spirited response to
the youth of today. It means

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a lot coming from one
who has herself faced life
with such superb courage
and graciously.

But I do think the computers
and scanners alike are having
a harder time living in the
world of today, than we
did in our years of econ-
omic security, and "glad belief
in everything". In our
work at the Elkhart State
want, the hardest thing to
combat is the despair that
comes from no work, and
no promise of work. Our
work of character training has
had to be subservient to the
more immediate need of
food and clothes and shelter.

Of course Government help in
its present form is bad. Last
winter I sometimes offered
a man 6 lbs of lard, 6 lbs
of butter, and 10 lbs of pork,
taken from the Gov. store what

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He wanted was bread, and
milk for the children. But
even though it was all a
messle as it was in war
time, still the starving were
fed, and the naked clothed
which they could in fact been
on municipal relief.

Now we are soliciting
bags of cotton and wool, in
a city wide campaign, and
having them cut and made
at the Settlement. by the poor
women themselves, under super-
vision of skilled workers.
Kentucky, as you may know,
can not meet the Government
requirements, so private organ-
izations have to make up
the deficit. What our people
would have done without the
Settlement I do not know.
I'll enclose last month's statement.

I have always looked forward
to the time when I had the leisure
to throw myself heart and
soul into this work. And now
the leisure has come and I
am spending it counting pains,
when there is so much
to be done, and so many to
help. Never mind, I may
snap up again some days
and then wish I enjoy it?

George Martin and I have
been wondering about Putzer.
We know he has been ill,
but not a true one ^{we} had
for nearly a year. Do tell
me what is the matter.

Coe is looking and feeling
better than he has for years
in spite of all the financial
strain and anxiety we have
been under - In spite of the
peculiarism that sometimes
escapes into his work, I know
of no one who has kept up
against ill health in the past
and dogged ambition in his
life work as he has.
We both send dearest love -
Coe -