Rutland Courts,
17th & Riggs Sts.,
Washington, D.C.

May 23, 1917.

Mr. Louis J. Alber,
1101 Hippodrome Building,
713 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Alber:

You asked me to give you a brief statement of my feeling about the importance of the Chautauqua Summer Platform. Will this do?

One of the best institutions in this country is the Chautauqua Summer Platform. Certainly in the stress of these times it should be preserved if any institution is to be preserved. It does a variety of things that we have great need should be done now. It brings to people who are harrassed by the thought of the future health, entertainment, something different from what they get in their towns. It brings a fresh element into the social life of the town - a very desirable thing particularly in the smaller community. It will give stimulating ideas about the great questions that the country must understand and study. Everything now depends upon the country keeping its mind steady and active and inspiring people to a full co-operation in the undertakings of the Government. The Chautauqua Platform will do that in a wonderfully direct way. Every community ought to be willing to sacrifice if necessary to keep the Platform alive in the community.

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I shall be very much interested to know how you are coming on with your home economic works.

Yours very truly,

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