1

by our friend Mrs S.

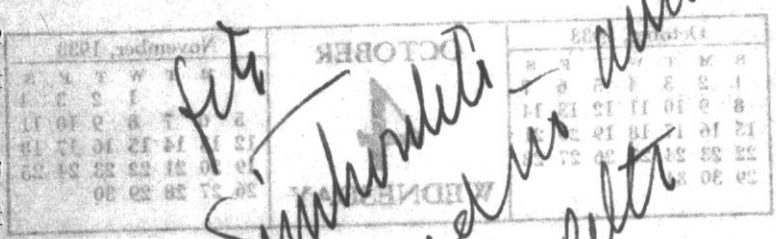
24 years ago I had the honor to be invited to the Board of G. H. The action associates - I.E. the period when I really attended Board meetings I took part in the activities of the Home was ended by leaving N. Y. I ~~by the army of the War~~. But of those few years I have memories I impressions ~~which are precious to me I~~ which seem to me to explain why G. H. has gone on and has building that it into an institution invaluable to that great quarter of N. Y. ~~which the~~ to which it belongs ~~known as the Village - G. Village~~ as well as spreading its ideas I influence through the city on the country -

~~Perhaps~~ Those of you no doubt remember the G. H. of ~~24 years ago~~ 26 Homer St - rather narrow, rather dark but always throbbing with life, with effects, with emotion

Fits

Sinphonetic
To be used in anything
old cults

Digital Image, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.



2

an extraordinary ~~feeling of~~ neighborliness pervade the
house & street, children swarmed every where &
ran to meet you - ~~showed you in - If you knew~~
~~house & since you were going there you must be~~
~~from their friend~~. I can never forget the beauty
of those welcoming children. ~~That~~ Mrs. S. dried
~~behind that~~ - now steam by a friendliness in
which there was no patronage, no inquisitiveness or
any form of exploitation. ~~Children knew she~~ was
~~their friend - & so did their elder~~ In the same way she
was their elder
It was a neighborly place and it was similarly
not only to the youth of the yeast - fund de - may there
but to the young men & women who came to
get their first lessons in practical social service
a new science. ~~[illegible]~~ I remember

2

~~years~~ I in which I had the privilege of ~~[illegible]~~
~~with~~ association I have

[illegible]

3 I know Mrs S. threw her young follows into the middle of

how the place instead with problem - the wayward [illegible]
boy - the discouraged mother, the unemployed father -
~~[illegible]~~ - unfulfilled ambitions
they were never pressed off - I came to ~~[illegible]~~ feel that
~~[illegible]~~ problem human were
handled at G. H. in the same way we
need to handle them in our physical lability
by observation experiment - that I know - a
patience - ~~[illegible]~~ nobody ever given up. It was a
social lability, ~~which~~ following its problems to their
causes - seeking a logical ~~[illegible]~~ cause. ~~I that~~ So often
these causes were the condition of the neighborhood -
all this was stimulating - for it lead into
such unexpected places.

4

The integrity of this social research - ~~[illegible]~~ deeply
impressed me - indeed as I look back it
seems to me that integrity of effort was one
of the most marked characteristics of ~~the~~ G. H. in
those days - it has continued to be ~~[illegible]~~ what ~~[illegible]~~ but
you see it now in G. H.'s results - ~~[illegible]~~ that
integrity of spirit which has made its polling
what it is - its music what it is -
Could we have going into the making of
a social center in a great city ~~[illegible]~~ quality
more fitted to keep youth at such a time as
this - honest pleasantness - patience & intelligence
given to their problems - & all done with integrity
of spirit. ~~I do~~ which M. S. has put into the
upholding of this great & useful institution

Pollinaus slip

Digital Image, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.

5

It is these qualities were the distinguishing feature of G. H. in my day - they still are & better! - & they are what make it so peculiarly fitted as a center for youth in this worldwide days! Y. needs most just what Mrs. has to give - friendliness - patient & intelligent handling of problems & always a spur to hold on to integrity of their spirits - ~~[illegible]~~

~~And the my [illegible] carries on - with what [illegible]~~

~~steadiness & faith - with what cheerful courage~~

I do not know that there is a more satisfying experience ~~in~~ there to come ~~about~~ after years of separation than undertaking in which you believed you saw just potentiality of usefulness & find them so largely realized - nothing more satisfying ~~than to find~~ unless it is to find that the circuit of the collapse still carries on with the same

that you knew in her years ago