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My dear Miss Tarbell:

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You have exerted so large an influence on our national life that I crave your interest, counsel and help in the attempt to arouse the churches to make Christian teaching universal among our boys and girls throughout America. There is a distinct movement on foot now to agitate this question and see if a real national movement cannot be brought into being. For ten years I was the General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada. During these ten years the contributions to missionary work by Protestant Churches of the United States and Canada were more than doubled. This persuaded us that Protestants can be moved to general and great action if it can be brought about in the right way. I believe that in the next ten years the churches of America could be led to double the number of boys and girls under definite Christian instruction. I know of nothing that would have profounder influence on our national life. Not only would the children be thus reached, but if done wisely it would open their homes to influences of the same spirit, so the effort would be really to reach the children and through them reach their homes with Christian influence.

The attached documents have all been prepared in recent weeks and all throw light on this general situation. If you would be willing to give us your counsel and cooperation in this effort, I am sure they would be most valuable.

If at all possible, I hope we can get some kind of representative church declaration before the National Conference on Crime Prevention at Washington on December 10th and following days. Some of us deeply believe that Christian training is by far the largest element in the prevention and care of crime.

Most sincerely yours,

J. Campbell White

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