September 29, 1921

Miss Martha Jean Ziegler
2250 Upton Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Miss Ziegler:

You must pardon me for not having replied earlier to your letters of September 23rd and 24th. I have been very busy with the work of the Unemployment Conference.

I wish very much that I could assist you but I see no way to do it. You say that you want to get away from Toledo, that you are sick of it. I am afraid, my dear girl, just what makes you tired of Toledo might make you soon tired of Washington. Your plan of finding some elderly people that will take you as a companion, perhaps adopt and educate you, would be much easier to carry out in a community like Toledo, or perhaps better still in the country around, than it would be in a city like Washington. I feel sure I am right about this as I know the conditions which prevail in such communities as yours and in this city. You see, too, it would be quite impossible to place you in the kind of relation which you are seeking without my knowing you, and indeed I think it unlikely that anyone would take you into the family in the relation you seek without having first met you. I am sure that if you are brave and patient you will find something that suits you.

You say you are a good Catholic girl. Why do you not go to your priest or to some of the institutions of the church in Toledo and put your case before them? You can do much more for yourself than anybody can do for you.

There must be, too, in Toledo good public employment agencies. If I were in your place I would go to them ans ask them to help you find a family that would give you the light work you are seeking and would be interested in helping you get an education.

Another possible source of help for you would be to go to the superintendent orprincipal of the public schools in the department where you live and ask if they can not suggest some way for you to get the desired education.

Do not think that in discouraging your leaving Toledo that I am not sympathetic. I know by experience that one has a much better chance

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as a rule where they are living than in going among entire strangers. I hope you will follow out my suggestions and do the best you can to place yourself. You will find good people there that if they know your case will certainly assist you.

With all good wishes for the future, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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