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My dear Miss Tarbell:

As the Christmas season approaches and the active period of the Mobilization is ending, I should like to say how much I have appreciated your readiness to assist the National Women's Committee in its work.

The appeals for community funds already completed in 236 cities, we have learned, have been successful in raising an average of nearly five per-cent more than last year for the support of voluntary social services in 1937. In other cities campaigns for similar funds are under way or will be during the winter and spring. I do hope you will be able to lend them your influence and help.

Two things are most gratifying about the state of public opinion as reflected in responses to fund appeals. One is the fact that many citizens are putting renewed vigor into their local responsibilities as neighbors and members of their community. The other is that in spite of some confusion about the role of government in welfare, the voluntary social agencies are being more adequately financed, not primarily for material relief to the destitute, but even more for the personal and constructive human services which are their essential function.

The role of our women's committees, as I have said before, is not only that of interpretation but of illumination. I am glad to think that what we have said and done has helped in illuminating the situation, locally and nationally.

I have just lunched with Mrs. Roosevelt and she, too, deeply appreciates the work the women have done.

With every good wish for a happy holiday season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Georgiana Sibley

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