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December 4th.1923

My Dear Miss Tarbell;

I want again to thank you for your very great kindness to us in the service you gave so freely last night.

While I consider this of the very least importance in connection with that meeting, the proceeds were about $300. Possible there will be more to come.

I am enclosing a picture that has in it one of the lads of whom I wrote who was so drunk that he had to be carried home and your point is so well illustrated in what really happened and which you did not know when you made the point of the indifference of the parents.

That night I found a younger and smaller boy struggling with him on the street trying to carry him home. He was then in the silly drunk and helpless stage I joined and we got him to his home; A few days after when I talked with him about it and asked what his mother said, he replied, "she just laughed and said I was so funny and said such funny things, she did'nt care".

That is the condition and I some times wonder that they are not much worse than they are. It is such a joy when some of them from vile, filthy surroundings and homes do come up clean and straight and many do.

Once in camp I had a little lad snuggle up to me by the waterside late at night when the rest were all asleep and he said, "Mr. Hearn, you know the old man, dont you"? "Yes". Well, he ain't much good is he" ?

I was obliged to admit it. "You know the old woman too, dont you"? Yes. Well she aint no good either, is she ? I tried to say the right thing and told him anyway they were his father and mother and he mustalways be kind to them but he said "I tell you I will but I aint never going to be like them, never, and I tell you I am going to get the winnership."

That was 11 years ago and today he is a fine clean upstanding young man, owns a business, married and a credit to us all.

Again thanking you I am Cordially,

S. C. Hearn

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The smaller boy mentioned was a lad of whom I almost despaired many a time and only this year have I discovered the place under his jacket that has enabled me to hold him.

All out of breath with his effort, he panted out," I found him this way and I knew you would want me to get him home so I have done the best I could".

The boy marked 1 is the one whose mother laughed, No.2 was also drunk that night.

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