

Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> '38

Dear Ida Gardell,

My thanks  
for these last two letters  
are many & warm. This  
last photo from the deep  
kindness of your heart, but  
I know its already too.

I want to write a letter  
on machine, but not up to  
that. Yet there are two.

suggestions about the book  
I want to make.

I want something in your  
wards about 9. 5/10. I may  
want too: that is  
a recognition of a very

special kind of moral influence  
that he exercised, the fundamental  
kind that lies in facing the truth  
straight, especially as to all that  
double dealing with a one's self shows  
which the heart of man inclines  
to evil as the sparks fly upward.  
I remember an instance when I  
saw a group of young men  
aching to do right the way  
they ~~used to~~ recalled the way  
the Pharisees went and are by  
one from where they have  
getting ready to show the adulterer.

One of your <sup>various</sup> ventures that  
 stay with me like this! He (Wil-  
 son) was the only President I ever  
 saw - and I've seen as many  
 Presidents - who would forget  
 that he was President in connec-  
 tion about affairs in general  
 this meant. Now that I know  
 minutes what really was the  
 greatest thing about Wilson  
 briefly makes that really  
 order he could run in a  
 real thing. I saw it in one  
 look at him

leading a war-torn procession  
 in the morning of those days.  
 He needs that to offset the  
 robust of him — & it is so  
 splendid & rare & you put  
 it under as swiftly — I mean  
 you could get it in even  
 the you are saying so little  
 about him. Yet it would say  
 in well where he is showing his  
 freedom from masculine adroitness  
 I read in the paper. How  
 you in to-day's paper. How  
 splendid — I hope you were not  
 taxed too heavily. Love to you  
 Always O R