

Unemployed

The Children's Aid Society

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New York

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Family

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

A desperate young father came to my office this morning carrying a baby of two or three months and leading a little boy of two by the hand.

His face was thin and white, his clothes shabby yet respectable; the children were clean, but wan and pinched from lack of food.

"I don't want to give up my children," he said, holding the baby tightly while the little boy clung to his leg. "But they must have food. They have had nothing but tea and bread for three days. I've been to the Relief Agency but they say to come to you because my wife took sick - a nervous breakdown it was, brought on by Ted here's birth," - pointing to the baby.

"They said you would put the children with a kind family until their mother's better and can take care of them. If you will do that it will give me new heart to go out and find work, though heaven knows I've been trying for months. Will you take Jack and Ted? I'll work my hands off to pay you back."

How can we let these children starve even though we already have a deficit of \$10,000? \$500 will care for them for six months and by then we hope their father will have secured a clerical job such as he has formerly held and be able to help with their support.

A renewal of your gift now will bring immediate relief to this desperate young father and to little Jack and Ted.

Sincerely yours,

Owen R. Lovejoy
Secretary

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