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184 Eldridge Street

October 17, 1936

Miss Frances Ingram  
428 So. First St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Ingram:

You have doubtless heard through Lillie Peck that we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary this fall and winter. I am anxious that the event should be more than merely a house anniversary inasmuch as Coit founded the Settlement movement in the United States. The happy coincidence that the Board meeting of the National Federation practically coincides with the date set for our celebration makes it possible in the course of Friday, December 4th, to signalize the city and the local beginnings.

With Helen Hall and Lillie Peck's cooperation and with the assistance of the United Neighborhood Houses we plan to have three meetings. The morning meeting will deal with National beginnings, the afternoon with New York City and the evening with Neighborhood Guild and University Settlement. Enclosed is a tentative program for the day. Not all those whose names are attached to the various meetings have accepted but many of them have. I have received a cable from Stanton Coit accepting an invitation to participate in the meetings.

We plan an invitation luncheon for members of the Board of Directors of the National Federation and other guests at which I should like to have five-minute statements about the beginnings of the settlement movement in the various cities and regions of the United States. I hope that you will be willing to sketch the beginnings of settlement work in the South from Washington to the Gulf. Wont you please emphasize what you regard as the individual and unique characteristics of the settlement movement in the South?

I am very anxious that the December 4th meetings have the broadest possible significance for the national settlement movement and not revolve too much around the beginnings of Neighborhood Guild and University Settlement. They might serve as preparation for the National Conference of 1937 and also do some good through attracting attention in the larger cities to the stability of the settlement movement in time.

Miss Frances Ingram  
October 17, 1936

I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me know as soon as possible whether you will participate in the meetings on the 4th so that I can include your name in the invitations to the meetings.

Faithfully yours,

AJK:C

Albert J. Kennedy

I hope you can spend the day with us, & be our guest at luncheon & the dinner which precedes the May meeting.

The Filson Historical Society

50th Anniversary Celebration

The fall and winter of 1936-1937 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of University Settlement, New York, and of the inauguration of the Settlement movement in the United States.

Toynbee Hall, the pioneer English and the mother of all settlements, was founded by Samuel A. Barnett. The House opened its doors on December 24th, 1884.

Stanton Coit in August, 1886, founded the first American Settlement by going to live in a tenement located at 146 Forsythe Street. On invitation of Canon Barnett Dr. Coit lived in Toynbee Hall during the months of January and February, 1886. On returning to America he became assistant to Felix Adler and immediately set about establishing a work similar to what he had observed at Toynbee Hall. Dr. Coit's activities on the Lower East Side had his chief's cordial sympathy and support.

Early in 1887 Dr. Coit was joined by Charles B. Stover and shortly afterwards by other young college men who rented tenements in the house in which Dr. Coit had established himself. This little colony fulfilled Canon Barnett's definition of a Settlement House as "a settlement of University men in the midst of some great industrial center."

Young women adopted the new movement as eagerly as young men had done. Among early women volunteers were Mildred Conway (Mrs. Sawyer) Jean Fine (Mrs. Charles H. Spahr) and Dr. Jane E. Robbins. Early in 1887 a kindergarten and girl's clubs and clubs for mothers were established.

November 3, 1936

Dr. Davis, Secretary  
Deaconess and Hospital Board  
33 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am making a study of the settlement movement in the South. The Wesley Houses enter largely into the life of this section of the country. Will you be good enough to tell me if the Northern Methodist Board places the same amount of emphasis on settlements as is done in the South, or are the trained workers sent more into the health field?

I would appreciate very much any statement you would be good enough to make on this subject and also the last year book of your Board if you will send it to me. Any expenses involved in the sending of the year book, I will be glad to meet.

Hoping that you will answer my letter at your earliest convenience, and thanking you for this courtesy, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Frances Ingram

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT · 184 ELDRIDGE STREET · NEW YORK CITY

November 5, 1936

Dear Miss Ingram:

The fall and winter of 1936--7 makes settlement work in the United States half a century old. We are celebrating the national and city aspects of this event on Friday, December 4th. On May 1st, 1937 we will celebrate the accomplishment of the House.

I enclose copies of the 50th Anniversary announcement and of the program for December 4th. I should like to see the occasion used to publicize, not University Settlement, but the settlement movement. There have been few movements of national scope which have, in a short half century, produced so many leaders of national and international influence, helped along so many public causes, affected with a living impulse so large a number of individuals who have in their turn contributed to the welfare of their generation and, last but not least, created local institutions of real importance and high stability in the cities and states in which they are situated.

I feel that settlement workers are justified in using this occasion to call public attention to these facts. I should like to see articles prepared for use in local papers recounting how the settlement movement got its start nationally, and spread into the various towns in which there are settlements. It is highly probable that the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Settlements will celebrate the anniversary during the 1937 conference and it will be interesting to have information about beginnings available.

If you should be in New York on December 4th I hope you will participate in the meetings outlined in the enclosed program. If you have any ties with Neighborhood Guild and University Settlement it would add to our interest and pleasure if you would write me about them.

If you would care for additional material on beginnings in preparing articles for your local papers I should be glad to provide such data.

Faithfully yours,

*Robert Kennedy*

AJK:C  
Enc.

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT  
184 ELDRIDGE STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

November 9, 1936

Dear Miss Ingram:

We are having an informal dinner on December 4th, just before the evening meeting, without speeches and for sociability only. I hope you will honor us with your presence.

Several of the pioneers of the eighteen-eighties and nineties will be present and the occasion will, I am sure, be one to be remembered.

Dinner is at seven o'clock. It will be served on the first floor so that guests will have only one flight of stairs to climb. Dress formal or informal as you choose.

Will you please be good enough to let me know by the 20th of the month whether you can attend?

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur Kennedy*

*I hope you can attend  
the dinner & bring Mabel  
also, as well as the  
Mary Persons.*

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November 12, 1936

Miss Helen Dingman, Secretary  
Conference of Southern Mountain Workers  
Berea, Ky.

My dear Miss Dingman:

On December 4, the University Settlement of New York City will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in 1886 by Stanton Coit of London, who will be the guest of honor for the meeting.

On this occasion the beginning of the settlement movement in different parts of the United States and some regional characteristics of the movement will be reviewed. I have been asked to treat of the settlements in the south. The area I am to cover begins with those in Washington, D. C.

I believe that the settlement movement has been of untold value to the congested areas of the big cities. What is your opinion, may I ask, of its value in the rural districts, especially in the mountain areas? Will you be good enough to send me a list of the mountain settlements represented in the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers?

I have the Handbook of Settlements, gotten out by Woods and Kennedy in 1911. Many new settlements, I know, have sprung into existence since this book was edited. I am anxious to bring the settlement picture up to date as nearly as possible in my paper. I would appreciate it very much if you will send me the list or put me in touch with any literature of which you may have knowledge that would be helpful.

Thanking you for the courtesy of an early reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Frances Ingram

"Other denominations have gone into strategic centers after they had been developed. But ours went in before there were strategic centers and has consistently ministered to those who were underprivileged in the extreme sense of that term. Indeed, our Church may claim to have discovered the mountains, to have done for them what Livingston did for Africa, explored them and brought their needs and potentialities to the attention of the outside world."

Taken from - Jubilee Annual Reports of the Executive and Promotional Agencies  
Presbyterian Church in the United States. Diamond Jubilee 1861-1936.  
P.23-24

Above quotation was taken from the annual report of Rev. E. V. Tadlock C.C.,  
Winchester, Ky., Superintendent of the Assembly's Mountain Missions.

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November 13, 1936

Miss Frances Ingram  
428 South First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

In reply to your letter of November 3rd would indicate that the work with the Negro people in the South is practically all handled by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The interests of the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work in the South are related to the health work in our three Negro Hospitals, and the nurses training schools.

I am sending to you a copy of our Quadrennial Report and would suggest that you write to the aboved named organizations and request their Annual Reports sent to you. Practically all of the settlement work, both in the North and South is under the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Good Will Industries come under the supervision of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Within a few days an invitation will be sent to all of the philanthropic and deaconess institutions in the Methodist Episcopal Church South requesting them to cooperate with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Board of Hospitals, Homes, and Deaconess Work in setting up the program for the Annual Convention of the National Methodist Hospital, Home, and Deaconess Work, same to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 17-19, 1937 at the Sinton Hotel. We are hoping to make this a get-together meeting for all of the philanthropic and deaconess interests of the three branches of the Methodist Church, which without a doubt, will soon come under the program of unification. We will send a copy of the program to you later and hope you will be able to attend.

Trusting your work is progressing nicely and that general conditions are better than they were last year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*N. E. Davis*  
Executive Secretary

NED: MJ

November 21, 1936

Miss Lillie Peck  
147 Avenue B  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Miss Peck:

At our board meeting on last Wednesday, I told the board that this past year had been a very heavy and difficult one and that there should be a re-evaluation of our work. Because of the growth of certain activities and the consistent cutting of the staff, it is necessary to make certain adjustments and that I expected to submit a plan at the next meeting for these adjustments.

Following this, Mr. Tachau asked me to find out from your office if there is any government organization through which we might refinance our present mortgage. At present, our indebtedness is \$26,900. We have been paying this off at the rate of \$2,000 per year for the last ten years. The interest at 6% is pretty heavy and it is desirable to get a lower rate of interest. Will you be good enough to let me hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Your letter in regard to the settlements came in this morning and I will answer you in a few days.

Yesterday we had a "Come and See Tour" under the auspices of the Community Chest. The house was beautiful and we had a goodly crowd.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Affectionately,

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Frances Ingram

November 26, 1936

Miss Helen H. Dingman, Executive Secretary  
Conference of Southern Mountain Workers  
Berea College  
Berea, Ky.

Dear Miss Dingman:

Recently in answer to a request of mine for a list of the Mountain settlements represented in the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, your secretary was good enough to send me a list of thirty settlement centers. As this list did not include the Hindman settlement School and Zeta Tau Alpha Health Center I wonder if you would please send me a more comprehensive list including such settlements as these.

The religious settlements are looming large in this study of the southern settlements and this fact has caused me to wonder what extent sororities are establishing settlements. Can you answer this question? I have just read the Pi Beta Phi story of the Gatlinburgh Settlement. I marvel at the accomplishment of this group.

I hate to bother you again but I am anxious to have my picture of the southern settlements as complete as possible. Please thank your secretary for her kind letter of November 16, 1936.

With grateful appreciation for an answer at your earliest convenience, I am

Sincerely

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Frances Ingram

C O P Y

( Southern Mountain Schools  
Maintained by denominational  
and independent agencies -  
Published by Russell Sage  
Foundation, N.Y. 1929. Price 30¢)

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN WORKERS

Helen H. Dingman, Exec. Secy.  
William J. Hutchins, Chmn of Ex. Bd.

Berea College, Berea, Ky.

November 27, 1936.

Box 494, Berea College,  
Berea, Kentucky,

Miss Frances Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
428 South First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Ingram

✓ Your letter of November 26 has come just as I am starting off on another trip. Enclosed you will find a list of mountain schools in our Southern Appalachians, published by the Russell Sage Foundation in 1929. As you can see, it is not up to date but if you can get in your library in Louisville Elizabeth Hooker's "Religion in the Highlands," you will find a more comprehensive list of a later date. To copy from our card catalogue a complete list for all the states would be quite an undertaking and just at present I am afraid I would not be able to have that done. If Miss Hooker's book is not in the library it can be secured from Home Missions Council, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City for \$1.50. I hope this will furnish you with the information that you need.

We should like to have the Russell Sage List back again unless you wish to purchase it. The price is 30¢.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd: Helen H. Dingman

Executive Secretary.

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, March 9-11, 1937

November 27, 1936

Miss Helen Dingman, Executive Secretary  
Conference of Southern Mountain Workers  
Berea College  
Berea, Ky.

Dear Miss Dingman:

Today when I went out to call on Miss  
May Stone, she told me that the conference  
of Southern Mountain Workers had issued a  
booklet containing a list of all the  
Settlements. Will you be good enough to send  
me this booklet and the bill with it?

Thanking you for this courtesy  
I am sincerely yours,

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Frances Ingram

November 28, 1936

My dear Miss Peck:

Thank you for your quick response on the mortgage question.

You will please find enclosed all the material you sent me along with a statement about Miss Pettit which you may keep.

I had a conference yesterday with Miss Elizabeth Russell on the settlements under the Women's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. I learned that all Bethlehem Houses under this Council are for negroes and the Wesley Houses are for white people. Maybe you knew that, I didn't. Miss Russell refers to the Wesley Houses as Church settlements. I believe that is a better term probably than religious settlements. Miss Stone seemed to think so too.

I also saw Miss Mary Stone at Puritan Apts., 1244 Fourth St., Louisville, Ky. My visit with her was delightful. She got her first inspiration for the settlement movement the very year that Hull House was founded. She was intimately associated with Neighborhood House when Miss Mary Anderson Hill was here. Miss Catherine Pettit spent six weeks at Neighborhood House with Miss Hill. Both of them belonged to a kitchen garden club that was conducted at the House. Miss Stone traced the beginning of the movement in Kentucky, told of hearing Mrs. Frances Beauchamp talk about Hull House in 1896 at a W.C.T.U. meeting. Three years later in 1899 the Federation of Woman's Clubs in the state advocated settlement work for the mountains and so on. I don't know how the invitations to Mr. Kennedy's meeting are issued but when I heard Miss Stone talk I thought probably it would be awfully nice to give her an invitation if it is in order to do so.

I am glad to tell you that I am going to have a real live board member in New York at that time. Mrs. J. Donald Dinning is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Ferrall, 11 St. Luke's Place, New York City and will be in New York throughout December. Is it possible to secure an invitation for her? She is a very charming person and has been president of the Younger Woman's Club and is very active in civic affairs. She was thrilled when I told her about the meeting.

I made a few notations on your Kentucky sheet but did not change any of yours. Good Will Center (1912) Louisville, is a religious or church center. There are no residents there. The same is true of Calvary Point (1925), James Boyc Social Center (which is as good as defunct now), Colored Mission (1898), and Rose Hudson Community Center (1919) The J. L. Friedman Social Settlement in Paducah has always had residents and at times a good program. I do not know its standing today but will learn that sometime in the future for you. Muhlenberg Settlement School, Mercer, is the one that Miss Taylor and Mrs. Krupp helped Mr. Belknap to launch in the western part of the state in an abandoned coal mine district. It started after Christmas 1935 on a

\$2000 budget which Mr. Belknap helped raise. He says it is the pioneer settlement of the western coal field. Mr. Frank Tweedy, director is an excellent person and is doing, I understand, an excellent job.

I got in touch with Miss Helen H. Dingman, Secretary, Conference of Southern Mountain Workers, Berea, Ky. I secured through her office a list of thirty centers in the mountains belonging to this conference. The list is far from complete and I have written to her again for a more inclusive list. I will send you the material when it comes.

Possibly you will be interested in the Glen Eden statement.

As ever,

Affectionately,

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Frances Ingram

November 30, 1936

Miss Lillie Peck  
147 Avenue B  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Peck:

Thank you so much for the use of the  
enclosed notes on the Methodist Settlements.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

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Frances Ingram



November 30, 1936

Miss Helen H. Dingman, Executive Secretary  
Conference of Southern Mountain Workers  
Box 494, Berea College  
Berea, Ky.

My dear Miss Dingman:

Thank you so much for the use of the  
Russell-Sage Foundation list of the mountain  
schools, in our southern Appalachians. Thank  
you too for the other suggestions your letter  
contained.

With grateful appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Frances Ingram

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LITERATURE  
EDITOR, WORLD OUTLOOK

**Nashville, Tennessee**

December 29th  
1936

Miss Frances Ingram  
428 South First Street  
Louisville  
Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

Miss Lillie M. Peck wrote Miss Haskin that you have recently written a paper on the Regional Beginnings and Characteristics of the Settlement Movement in the South. Miss Haskin is interested in this and would like very much to see a copy of your manuscript. If you have a typed copy to spare, she would appreciate the use of it.

Yours very truly,

*(Mrs) Susie Clark Prince*  
Office Secretary

The Filson Historical Society

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December 30, 1936

Miss Sara Estelle Haskin  
Board of Missions  
Methodist Episcopal Church South  
Doctor's Building  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Haskin:

At the request of your office secretary, Mrs. Prince, I am sending you my paper on the Regional Beginnings and Characteristics of the Settlement Movement in the South. You may use it in any way you see fit.

Sincerely,

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Frances Ingram

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EDITOR, WORLD OUTLOOK

**Nashville, Tennessee**

January 6th  
1937

Miss Frances Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
428 South First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

You were very prompt in responding to our request, and Miss Haskin has now received your manuscript, "Regional Beginnings and Characteristics of the Settlement Movement in the South." She has not yet had time to read it but is asking several of the settlements you mention to furnish good pictures as illustrations. Could you send two or three showing the work of Neighborhood House? Pictures showing action, with not too many figures, in clear black and white will reproduce well. We cannot use cuts. We will greatly appreciate any pictures you send us.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) *Susan Clark Prence*  
Office Secretary

*typographical errors -*

*p 2 - paragraph 3 - Asheville - misspelled.*

*p 3 - paragraph 2 line 17 - tenement misspelled*

January 9, 1937

Mrs. Susie Clark Prince, Office Secretary  
Board of Missions  
Methodist Episcopal Church South  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Prince:

In response to your letter of January 6 asking for pictures to use as illustrations, I am sending you three, one illustrating music; another dramatics; and the third athletics. I would appreciate very much your returning these photographs to me after you have used them.

May I call your attention to two typographical errors I found in my manuscript, "Regional Beginnings and Characteristics of the Settlement Movement in the South." On page 2, paragraph 3, Ashville is misspelled, and on page 3, paragraph 2, line 17, tenement is misspelled.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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Frances Ingram

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P.S. Pictures are being sent under separate cover.

**Board of Missions**  
**Methodist Episcopal Church, South**

W. G. CRAM, GENERAL SECRETARY  
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**Nashville, Tennessee**

February 24th  
1937

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION  
WOMAN'S WORK  
MISS SARA ESTELLE HASKIN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LITERATURE  
EDITOR, WORLD OUTLOOK

Miss Frances Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
428 So. First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

We did not acknowledge receipt of your pictures, but I feel sure you have been too busy to even think of it. We received them and Miss Haskin likes them very much. Your article will appear in the May WORLD OUTLOOK and I will send you copies when it comes from press. Again thanking you for your helpfulness, I am

Cordially yours,

*(Mrs.) Suse Clark Presice*

Office Secretary

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April 27, 1937

Miss Frances M. Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
428 South First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Miss Ingram:

Miss Haskin has just sent us a copy of the May "World Outlook", with your article on "The Settlement Movement in the South" included in it.

Needless to say, I read the account with a great deal of interest, and we certainly appreciate your gracious references to the work at Hindman. The three photographs came out beautifully, though I hadn't expected them to have the conspicuous position you were kind enough to give them! How grateful we are for the more than generous word you have spoken for us, and for the genuine interest you are always ready to share for us.

A few worthwhile articles like yours will do a great deal toward bringing to the forefront the major needs and problems facing the rural South today. It is a complex situation!

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Watts*

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**Nashville, Tennessee**

April 27th  
1937

Miss Frances Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
428 S. First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

The morning mail brought Miss Haskin your check and request for twenty copies of the May WORLD OUTLOOK. She has asked me to return the check and to tell you that we are asking the Circulation Department to mail you the extra copies without charge. We are glad to do this.

Yours very truly,

*(Mrs.) Susie Clark Greene*

Office Secretary

The Filson Historical Society

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**Nashville, Tennessee**

EDUCATION AND PROMOTION  
WOMAN'S WORK  
MISS SARA ESTELLE HASKIN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LITERATURE  
EDITOR, WORLD OUTLOOK

June 3rd  
1937

Miss Frances Ingram  
Neighborhood House  
28 S. First Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram:

I am returning to you the picture marked "Illustrating Athletics." You sent it to Miss Haskin for use with your article in the May WORLD OUTLOOK entitled "Regional Beginnings and Characteristics of the Settlement Movement in the South." She could not use it and it should have been returned long ago, but the press of work has prevented. Thank you very much for letting us have it, and please excuse the delay in getting it back to you.

With best wishes,

*(Mrs.) Susie Clark Prentice*  
Office Secretary

The Filson Historical Society

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