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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please forgive me for bothering you, but we are very anxious to have your forward in our next children's reading list. I have written something that I hope you will sign as the foreword. I am sure it is in line with your thinking. If you are willing to sign it, will you please ask your secretary to write me to that effect? We shall be very grateful.

Florence, Lou and the baby are now in our summer home in Connecticut. I am looking forward to joining them in July.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

James M. Yard
James M. Yard
Director

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*J. M. Yard
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Unity is probably one of the most important things which any nation has to build, and it can best be begun in childhood. It is possible to give children, through the books which they read, an understanding of races and religions and national backgrounds, not only in their own countries, but throughout the world.

In this way there may be built an understanding of human relations which will grow with the child and make him a better citizen of the world as he grows to maturity.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews has a list of books which will be helpful both to young and old, and from this list parents and teachers can choose books which they feel will meet the interests of the children in their care both on the age level and with due consideration for an individual child's interests.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or we shall not live", said Dr. Arthur H. Compton, the Nobel prize winner, one of the outstanding atomic scientists.

One of the best ways, it seems to me, of learning to live as brothers is by coming to know people of different racial, religious and national backgrounds. Most of us cannot travel all over the world to meet such people, but we can all read books about them and books written by them.

Parents and teachers have a great opportunity and a real responsibility to introduce young people to some of the truly fine books, in this field of human relations, that are being published today.

And, young people, who must in the coming years be world citizens, not merely citizens of a particular country, have an obligation to know as much as possible about all the people that make up the human family.

This is a carefully selected list that will be enjoyed by both young and old.