

There is no one who will be glad to try to aid him to see his mistake before it is too late.

Phil's father died when he was four years old and I have had sole care of him. Truly, while I have done all within my power to be good mother to him, I am sure that I have failed. Phil needed his father much more than he needed me.

I feel that it is my lack of education and understanding, my inability to make allowance for Phil's weaknesses — that is responsible for Phil's actions today.

Please believe that only my love for Phil and my desire for the very best has actuated this frank appeal. I may have written a very foolish letter but, if so, I have done it through ignorance and a sincere wish to keep my son from making a greater mistake.

Sincerely

Edith B Babcock

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