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Dear Julia:

It has been some little time since I have written you, so I shall not wait longer.

Gertie and I went to Dawson last Friday taking Eileen with us, and Eileen and I returned to Lawrence last evening. We had a delightful time. Dorothea is a fine housekeeper and an unusually good mother. She pays attention to her children, keeps them neat and nice and instructs them in so many ways. Lance can sing scores of songs and can virtually read his books thru by the pictures. Knowing the pictures, he recalls verbatim the verses or reading matter which accompanies them. Charles who was a year old the 8th of December, runs everywhere about the house, has a beautiful clear skin and dark curly hair. He is beginning to talk and speaks each word distinctly. I shall go up for Gertie next Friday.

I had a good letter from Janet the other day.

I presume you know that Pat was given all of his mother's stock in the Maloney Tank Company and was recently elected president of the firm. I know that this will take a good deal of his time and I fear that it may make it impossible to hold both jobs. We shall find it hard to replace him, should he leave us.

A letter from Grayce to Blanche reports the same delightful brand of weather there that we have here.

I have just read each one of the letters and cards that you sent me. I can see that others were touched by the same things which caused my emotions to swell. I remember Father Ross, not from personal acquaintance, but from his aid to you when you were heading the Welfare Department at Field's. I also recall his splendid article on prohibition. I pray that his life may be spared.