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for Marshall Field Retail Store

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Dear Mr. Hoinville:

I was wholly unprepared for your sad message telling of Mrs. Hoinville's death. I did not know she had been ailing, and whenever I recalled her (as I often did) it was to remember her as cheerful, animated and active.

It is hard for me to express my sorrow at the moment. Mrs. Hoinville's friendship was to me a very precious possession. Our acquaintance began more than 25 years ago, and from the beginning it has been an inspiration to strong manhood and right living. Mrs. Hoinville had a great heart as well as a fine intellect. Her stretching sympathy took in the poor and the troubled everywhere. I remember so well how, at the big store, she tried to take under her wing every boy and girl in the ranks who was in any way handicapped. And what an army of these young people she did help! If all for whom she did some loving service were to bring a tribute to her grave, she would sleep today beneath a wilderness of flowers!

My heart goes out to you, Mr. Hoinville, and to all who are bereaved by Mrs. Hoinville's death. But I know today you will be comforted as you think of her beautiful life. To me her memory will always remain a sweet and prized heritage. I am glad I ever came to know and to appreciate dear Mrs. Hoinville!

I remain

Yours fraternally,

Irving C. Lambert

P.S. My letter has been delayed owing to the fact that I have been quarantined at my daughter's home, the victim of the prevalent epidemic.