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Mrs. Don Freeman  
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Dear Grayce:

By your silence I am afraid that Don was unsuccessful in his political campaign, but I cannot grieve much about it because I think his health will be so much better off than it would be were he forced to spend a couple of months away from home looking after the interests of the state.

I have kept my eye open for a pin for you ever since I have been here, but the pins with variegated stones are perhaps no longer as stylish as they were. Those that I saw were clumsy and inartistic in appearance so we are sending you under separate cover a pin that I think you will like, and I see no reason why you could not wear it with the carbobs that you have. I just got it today, and I am going to take it home to let Gertie see it before mailing it to you. I hope you will like it.

Your absence from our Golden Anniversary was not overlooked by us even though we had the good fortune to have all of our children and grandchildren present with the exception of Owen. While it was a beautiful affair with elaborate decorations, and everything was handled beautifully, we did miss you because you are the only person living, so far as we know, who was present at our wedding besides ourselves.

I hope that everything is well with you, and if I were you and could get Mrs. Martin to stay there regularly, I would take her. You are only going to live but once so why not live as freely and as comfortably as possible now. We happen to know of an old lady who must be about ninety, who is living almost in squalor because she is unwilling to spend her money to make life more pleasant, and the pity of it is she has no children and no relatives who really care about her.

It soon will be three months since we were with you last and it will not be so many months more until the vacation season is once more with us. Here's hoping that by that time the war