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Miss Lillian Cowdy
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Lillian:

I have been going thru the sad but necessary effort of deciding what letters and papers of Etoile's to destroy and what to preserve.

I have found some letters from your father and an occasional letter from your mother. Unless these letters contain something of special interest as to be preserved, I have destroyed them, because after I am gone, they would not mean much to others. I found last night a letter which I have preserved, the first two pages of which were written by Jennie, that is so badly faded that I couldn't read it under the light that I had in the basement, and the last two pages were written by your sister, Nellie, who wrote a beautiful hand. I also have found and preserved the clipping containing the picture of Jean and the story when she retired from active teaching in Minneapolis.

It is a tedious job and will take ten times longer than one would presume.

With love and best wishes, I am

As ever,

Your Cousin