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Mrs. Dolph Simons  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Marie:

We were glad to get your note on arriving in Chicago and your letter this morning. Your mother laughed and said you were not satisfied in having to clean house at home, but were trying to houseclean the Stevens Hotel, but I know how it is--people hate to handle things that look and feel dirty. The hotel, I presume, had pretty hard treatment during the period that it was occupied by military groups.

I have been a little disappointed that I didn't have a letter on the convention from either you or Dolph as there always is a personal slant that is of interest to our readers, but I know you have been busy.

Everything has been running along smoothly at the office and everyone is busy and good natured.

I understand that R. E. Melvin died last night at the hospital. I haven't seen the data, but I presume he is in the late 70's, probably nearly 80 years old. I think possibly that he has been troubled with a diabetic foot as he has been lame for several years. He was one of my earliest acquaintances in Lawrence. I met him when I used to attend the Congregational Church and would sometimes go to young people's gatherings.

I haven't entered your home yet, but coming down this morning I thought that I would do so when I go home this afternoon.

I heard yesterday that Mrs. Bruner's elbow condition was not very satisfactory. They have not yet been able to set it, and Gertie heard somewhere that there was some danger of her losing her arm which I hope is an exaggeration.

It was 96 on our front porch Sunday and 95 yesterday. The lounge, however, was been quite comfortable.

Marilyn was in the office a moment ago and this will be her last day in Lawrence. Her grandmother has been helping her in