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Dear Janet and Mo:

I just received Janet's letter telling of her temporary return as a school marm, and we are sure that she really enjoyed it because she is so well qualified.

I suppose that your mamma has told you about the group of seven or eight, possibly nine, Dunkard girls who have come to town to work. I think perhaps they came first to Gertie who hired Eula Belle Shuler and recommended her sister to Mrs. Justin Hill who hired her. She has a cousin working for someone else and so it goes. It so happens now that four of the girls' employers have permitted them to have little parties at their homes to which the other girls were invited and were entertained. I think probably that it has added quite a good deal to the pleasure of these girls most of whom had never been away from home and had never worked for others. One real nice thing about our girl is that Gertie says before she goes away from the house, she always asks if there is anything else she can do for Gertie before she goes. She shows a thoughtfulness that we do not always have, and a thoughtfulness quite different from Mable who used to do her work well, but who never used to care whether anything was left for Gertrude or not.

As I recall Dr. McNalley, I think he was even taller than Leo, although Leo is probably above average height. I think he is about the same height of myself, so that Michael might readily become a six footer. I always wanted to be, but couldn't make it.

We are very proud of your children. They are attractive in looks and have excellent minds. We shall watch their advancement with real enjoyment.

I received this morning a letter from W. S. Norris, Planters State Bank Building, Salina, Kansas, who seeks a position on the Supreme Court. I do not believe that I know Norris or at least I cannot recall him, but I did know a man named Norris--quite a large man, who was beginning the practice of law in Salina when I was there as a reporter. He was a big, handsome looking chap, and I