

February 15, 1946

Dr. H. A. Mercer,
4118 River Park Drive,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Mercer:

I don't believe I have it in me to write as interesting a letter as that written by you on the 10th of the month. We are very happy to know that you are finding things enjoyable in Louisville, and apparently are feeling a needed place in the life of that thriving community.

From a religious standpoint, I have long felt the influence of the Louisville Seminary. I don't know how it is farther east and north, but a great many of the leaders in the Baptist denomination in Kansas and surrounding states, *have* ~~are~~ secured their training at Louisville.

We are again without a pastor. I am of the opinion that Snodgrass is an opportunist, that he came to us because it was a better job than he had in Michigan, and he soon began scouting around and located a job with a non-denominational, or an inter-denominational Church in Chicago. He made this announcement to me and a few others before our Christmas Service, but didn't make it public until the first of the year, and yet he left us in February, lacking two months of completing the year's service for which he had been engaged. I do not believe that he built a very large place for himself in our Church, or community, but Mrs. Snodgrass is a charming lovable woman, who has the respect and admiration of all.

The most important news that I have to give you is that Mrs. Simons underwent a major operation on January 31, an operation that was found to have been very necessary, and fortunately, to have been in time to avoid any serious consequences. She responded most satisfactorily, and we were able to take her home last evening, although she will be confined largely to her room for some little time, and we have a good woman to look after her. We are very happy that the results were so satisfactory.

Please give my very best wishes to Mrs. Mercer and to your darling little daughter.

Cordially yours,

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