

February 15, 1946

Miss Lillian Gowdy,
3751 Aldrich Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Lillian:

I enjoyed reading your good letter of February 11, and I am answering a little earlier than usual, thinking that you might hear of Gertrude's operation and be worried about it.

She underwent a major operation on January 31, and has responded so satisfactorily that we took her home late yesterday afternoon. Naturally, she is still weak, and will require some care, but we have a kindly and capable woman to look after her.

The operation was of a serious nature, also very unexpected on our part, and yet, was done in time to avoid more serious consequences.

I enjoy reading your letters, and I think that if everyone, as they grow older, could follow your practice of making friends and being friendly, it would aid much in making this a better world. It is so easy to withdraw into ourselves and to become grouchy, that when one shows the kindness, sympathy and care that you have exercised, it seems outstanding and extremely commendable. Bless your heart, and bless you in your good work.

We are planning for a longer stay at the Lake this year.

Please give my regards to your Mrs. Olson.

With love,

Your brother cousin

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