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Dr. J. Russel Wickey
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Dear Russel:

I am always glad to hear from you. You write a good, newsy letter and a very pretty hand. I presume that your work requires a steady nerve and you must have it. With me, I have done so little writing at longhand that my writing is not good.

Your letter was sent to us at St. Augustine to the two places at which we stayed and then was forwarded back to us at Lawrence. We left Lawrence on January 17 and arrived home on February 27, having been away a little less than six weeks. Gertrude had planned the trip with the idea of getting a lot of sunshine, which she thought might improve her walking, which has not been good since she broke her leg some years ago. We missed the sunshine, because Florida is having a very disastrous season which has destroyed millions of dollars worth of citrus fruit and spring garden. But in spite of the cold we did a lot of walking - I think probably she walked more during the time we were in Florida than she has in all of the time since she broke her leg some years ago.

I am always interested in hearing of the family. Apparently, Julia has no children; and Grace has several which we remember as being very pretty and attractive. I don't know your sister, aside from our correspondence, but she impresses me as being a mighty fine woman and one that I should like to know personally. As you know, one of her daughters with her small child, called on us briefly a few years ago and we were very glad to see them. As neither your half sister nor your half brother are related to the Simons side, they would not be interested in our genealogical background.