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Dear Cousin Collins,

I suppose by now you are back in your home in Lawrence - your summer in Minnesota and your granddaughter's wedding happy memories stored away.

Have wondered about Cousin Etude many times, wishing I could know how she is feeling. You sounded optimistic, also that her spirit ~~was~~ spirits were good - which is 95% but her condition did sound serious. There are such wonderful things done now in both medicine and surgery that it seems there must be help for every condition and everyone. I have said a little prayer for her recovery every day since you wrote me. I have often wished she lived next door where I could see her sunny smile every day.

Well political speeches fill the air. The highlight of all of them is thus far and will be for me was Gov. Dewey's opening speech at Des Moines. I liked his saying the roots of our country were moral and spiritual and that these qualities could be used to solve our material difficulties. I was surprised that the newspaper editorials or radio commentators didn't mention the "higher" quality of his speech but simply called it "mild" and that "Gov. Dewey hadn't started swinging" as if there is any force stronger