

Personal

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Dear Friends:

I appreciate very fully your splendid letter of recent date. I think you understand Mrs. Simons as she was. If she cared for someone, it was in a whole-souled manner, and if she did not like them, she had difficulty in concealing it.

It seems that one trouble after another, physically, fell upon her during recent years--accidents for which wshe was not responsible and ailments which could not be traced to any definite cause. It is extremely difficult for one to understand why one so loving and useful should be taken and why she should have to suffer. I think it is one of those things which can not be reasonably answered and can only be dimmed or softened by the passing of years. It is one of the things which rather takes the heart out of living. I am glad that you loved her, and I am sure that she held you in the same affection.

We both were fond of you and enjoyed our brief visit with your parents. Your good father has been gone a number of years and I wish to be remembered to Amy's mother.

I have had a mother and daughter with me since the first of September. The daughter is an A student and a senior in the school of Journalism. They have kept our house as Gertrude would have liked to have it kept, and the things in her apartment are very largely as she left them on June 10, when she left the house for the last time. I do not believe any other person has been so greatly missed in our community.

The church was overwhelmed with floral tributes and was filled with friends from Lawrence and elsewhere. Our children have been very helpful.

I shall probably not send out any Christmas greetings. I do not wish to interfere with the happiness of anyone else on