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December 22, 1948

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Ruth Alice Wilson
Cedarcroft
McLeansboro, Illinois

Dear Friends:

Your letter of the 19th has been received. I note that it was written particularly to Mrs. Simons, and I regret more than I can tell that Mrs. Simons passed away October 30. She had been operated hardly two months before we had our pleasant little visit with you in Rochester, Minnesota.

She had reasonably good health for about a year and a half when she began to lose weight and had a second operation last January. We did everything that love and medical skill could accomplish, but it wasn't enough.

It always seemed odd to Mrs. Simons and me that first having met you at our table in the hotel, it should have been followed by a visit that we never forgot. When we went to Florida, we certainly would have come by McLeansboro had we driven. Fortunately, we went by train because heavy rains would have made it difficult to have made the trip by auto. We spent six weeks very pleasantly at St. Augustine, although the weather turned cold and they had a very hard freeze soon after we came there.

In reading your letter, I presumed the little chappel you mentioned was Roman Catholic, but it might have been Episcopalian. In any event, it was too bad that you had the fire and fine that you could overcome your handicap as well as you did.

I assure you that I have very pleasant memories of you and your mother.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
I remain

Cordially yours

W. C. Simons

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