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Doctor George W. Wise
310 Crawford Building
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Doctor Wise:

I know that my mother was sustained by her Christian faith when my father died leaving her with five small children, but it is very difficult for me to be comforted by the belief that I have long held dear. Christ said that not a sparrow falleth but that God knew of it, and yet, the world is full of grief and so many are taken whose continued living would have brought comfort to many. I recall the agonized words of Christ on the cross, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me", but it is difficult to add, "Nevertheless, Thy will, not mine, be done."

Yesterday was the 54th anniversary of our wedding, and yet, after living with her all these years, I was hardly aware of the great extent of her kindly influence in our community and, in fact, wherever she was.

On the other hand, I feel that death comes as a release and that one of the greatest punishments that could be accorded one would be to have to live forever in earthly form.

I need your prayers.

Sincerely

W. C. Simons

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