

September 16, 1948

Mrs. Harry F. Johnson  
Wymore, Nebraska

Dear Dorothea:

In looking through your mama's desk, Blanche found the letters which I herewith enclose. As the envelopes were not addressed, it was impossible for me to send them on.

Monday and Tuesday were rather bad days for Gertrude, but she came back surprisingly well yesterday and today. She is being given every care. On account of her more or less critical condition the first of the week, we have had both a day and night nurse with her; however, most of the time she has felt so well that such care would seem unnecessary. She was so ill Sunday and Monday that I was afraid that she might be too weak to summon aid when she needed it. She is very fond of her nurses. Mrs. Veatch comes at 9 and stays until 7, and the day nurse comes on at 9 and stays until 5 or 7. We tried to get a third shift, but we were not able to do so, so the night and day nurses we have are putting in 10 hours a day. Both last night and the night before she was free from the trouble she has had for sometime with her diaphragmatic hernia and enjoyed drinking water and taking ice. She has been eating better but still does not partake of as much nourishment as we should like, although we are getting her everything we think she might enjoy.

As you may know, Eileen and Carl came in yesterday and are busy today getting located in their home. Owen came in a day or two ago and is still here. Blanche came yesterday noon. Janet stayed all night with her mama, I think Sunday or Monday night, before we were able to get the nurse.

Mrs. Murphy and her daughter, Ann, are handling things well at home, although I am trying to avoid burdening them with company at meal time.

With lots of love to you and yours, I am

Lovingly your father