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Dear Brother and Sister:

We were very happy to hear Grace's voice last night. I am sorry that I had not written. I am putting in about half of my waking hours at the hospital with Gertrude. Not that I am able to do anything particularly, but she seems to enjoy my presence. She has surprised us all with the way she has improved, but realizing the serious background, we try to keep our hopes under control. She likes the doctor, and the nurses, and has the best room in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. When she came here, her blood count was only about one-fourth what it should be. She has had 3 transfusions and doubtless will have more. Her last blood count was about three-fourths of normal, which was very encouraging. She is eating more and in a sufficient amount to maintain and build up her strength. It will be two weeks Wednesday since she came here, and when we realize that she was so weak that she could hardly raise a hand at that time the improvement is very gratifying indeed. Her mind is alert and her memory for details is far better than mine. In speaking of her condition, I should also say she sleeps well but is given some aid in the way of tablets or capsules to aid in securing a sound rest.

We were very glad to see Marie and John and to hear of the pleasant gatherings after our departure.

There were a lot of blooming geraniums in the flower box around our house and Marie's, and if you should like to have any of them for house plants, help yourself. You can tell that she may do the same. I presume the same word was given to Frampton as there are plenty for all of them.

The children have been very good indeed in coming to see us. Both Dorothea and Janet have kept the home running. Both Dorothea and Janet have kept the home running. All of the children were with us Sunday and we had dinner at the Palm room at the Student's Union Building at the University of Kansas. Blanche and Eilene left yesterday. Mary Beth went home and Mac went on to Culver, Indiana.