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Dear Charles and Mary:

Gertrude just wanted me to write you that she was operated on at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City Saturday, January 10 and that she came to Lawrence by ambulance on Saturday, January 17 and is now in Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The trouble was a flare up of the condition, which called for an operation January 31, 1946. The surgeons were all formerly Lawrence men and acquaintances, who are not only expert, but have a personal regard for Gertrude. Our local doctor, Dr. C. B. Johnson, would not be more interested if she were a member of his family and I can assure you that everything will be done for her comfort while she is sick and to aid in her recovery.

Fortunately, a young couple, who had made application to come to our house and do our work in exchange for board and room, came shortly after she went to Kansas City and are now getting along very nicely.

We enjoyed your Christmas story and I return you herewith the letter from Kathryn Drought. As you may know, she is my second cousin. Her mother was an excellent woman whom I met only once, and that was a few years before her death. The mother was an invalid from eight to ten years before she died and Kathryn Drought has been an invalid for many years. She has a devoted husband and one son who is now married and has children.