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Jackson Michigan
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Mr. H. C. Simons
Lawrence, Kansas
Dear Cousin, -

In saying "thank you" each year for the generous check that you send me the words seem so small to carry just how much it means - yet I am sure you understand just how sincere and appreciative that "thank you" is. Our expenses have been particularly heavy this fall and with taxes and car license due, it will help a good deal.

We had a pleasant Christmas in spite of our recent bereavement. Everyone put their best effort forward in cheerfulness and smiles. We talked of Byron as though he were still with us as he is in spirit.

Blanche and Harold came to us the day before Christmas and stayed until Jan. 3rd. She has deep faith and courage. Their wedding anniversary was New Year's day - They would have been married twenty-nine years. Byron had several thousand dollars of plumbing in stock and she will sell this at retail. The supply houses have promised to sell to her which is wonderful as they don't like to and