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Dear Fannie:

I was glad to receive your letter written in the same vigorous style that you used many years ago. I think that the years must be dealing kindly with you in many ways.

I can't help but have some sympathy for Beryl who is so very much alone, but who has found companionship and friendship with the girls of her so called sorority. She has lived in her privately furnished apartment at the Park Lane apartments for many years, so probably she is not any where nearly as lonely as we might be under similar circumstances. I am sure that she would be glad to hear from you although I can not recall having written to her for a long while.

I loved, and still love, Blanche Reineke who was certainly one of the best women I have ever known. She was loving and tried so hard to do things for others and continued to do so in spite of many keen disappointments. She would have made some one a most excellent wife and most capable mother in the world.

I have the same tender feeling for mother Reineke. During all of the years that I knew her we never had a single moment of disagreement or an unkind word between us.

As I said in my last letter to you, I remember Barbara as a sweet little child and I wish her very much happiness in her new life so soon to come.

Gertrude and I went to Memphis, Tennessee, on our wedding trip, spending a week there, and a few years ago we visited there for a day or two while on our way to several southern states, including Florida.

As you will be alone after Barbara is married I am wondering if it might not be possible and desirable for you to do as I have