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Mrs. Kathryn Drought

Things are about a month behind Kansas in Minnesota, but Iris, tame and wild fruit trees were in bloom.

Dolph and his family expect to leave on May 31 for an over land trip to California and expect to be gone until the 23 of June. I shall remain in Lawrence until their return and then probably will spend a number of weeks at our cabin in Minnesota. It wouldn't be such a bad drive for you to drive from Jackson over to Gull Lake.

Looking at the map, I am afraid it would be rather a long auto trip for you, as you would have to go through Chicago and the Twin Cities. Our cabin is about 140 miles north of the Twin Cities, being exactly 10 miles north and west of Brainerd.

I have been very fortunate in my home life in the past few months. On December 12, Mr. and Mrs. Otis King came to live with me. He is a graduate student at the University, and she received her Masters Degree from Ohio University. She is adept at household management and is maintaining our home as Gertrude would have liked. They have been very companionable, and our plans now are for her to accompany me when I go to our summer cabin and for Mr. King to join us later, after a field trip in Wyoming.

I do wish that you could recover a greater measure of health, but perhaps we should be glad that at least you have reached an equilibrium in which you can enjoy life and can continue to live with your husband, son, and grandchildren.

I presume that you have known Mrs. Walter W. Gregg, 1901 Parkdale Place, Montrose, California. She is a daughter of our Uncle Joseph C. Gowdy. She is a bright woman, and thoroughly patriotic. She has one daughter and I think no grandchildren. She had a sister, Lielah. She became Mrs. Eslie L. Sutton and their address was 4905 Arthur Kill Road, New York City. I have not heard from them for years and do not know that she is still living.

You may, or may not, know that you are eligible to be a member of the Mayflower Society and that of Colonial Dames. I may have told you this before. Our genealogical background is most interesting.

Please give my love to your family.

Lovingly, your cousin,