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Dear Colonel and Philena:

I received your letter of January 29 and had a couple of items made from it which you may have seen.

I am getting along just as nicely, I think, as one would have any right to expect. And yet, a sense of loneliness is there that cannot be overcome. Besides the most important matter of companionship, I also find thrust upon me the necessity for looking after many little things about the home of which I formerly never gave a thought.

I am fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Otis King with me. He is a graduate student preparing himself to be a teacher of Zoology. His wife is a Kansas girl who graduated at Manhattan and took her Doctors degree at Ohio University. They look after the home nicely and they are pleasant to have around.

I am glad that Chandler's remains are now nearby where you can attend his grave and express your love in floral gifts. Here, I have placed wreaths on the graves, and other things that Gertrude always used to superintend, but it has been too cold to use natural flowers. When spring comes, I shall have a local florist look after the planting of flowers that will bloom through the growing season.

I expect to have my three daughters here on February 19, when they will have before them Gertrude's effects. Her apartment is almost exactly as she left it the 10th of last June, when we departed for the lake. She was not much of a hand to have pictures of herself on display, but with the help of my daughters, we went through the pictures of her and have made a portfolio which contains pictures of her from childhood up.

I attended a graveside funeral a few days ago of one of our neighbors of 30 years ago. It was rather of a bad morning,