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Miss Lucy Dougherty
909 Maine Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Dougherty:

I am sorry that your brother has been so ill and sincerely hope that he will cooperate by taking extremely good care of himself. Someone has aptly said that the recipe for a long life consisted of having an incurable malady and nursing it. I realize that his is only partially true.

I spent Christmas with Dorothea and her family at Wymore. I think I am extremely fortunate in my three daughters, my son, and my splendid grandchildren.

I think that Mrs. Simons' last words were spoken a week before her final passing. It was on Saturday, October 23, when Dolph Jr. played in a K.U. game. She asked how he had played and then said, "I am so proud of him." The following week, the attending physician felt it necessary to keep her constantly under the influence of drugs to avoid excruciating suffering.

Thank you for your good wishes.

Sincerely yours

W. C. Simons

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