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My dear Charles:

Your check arrived today in payment for holiday greetings. The price reflects in part the tremendous increase in labor costs and handling the printing business. I sometimes wonder how we are able to carry on.

I read your story with interest and think it one of the best that you have written. You have certainly engaged in an interesting work that can have its reflection in the improved lives of a whole generation of people in that Wisconsin community.

Several years ago, I was attracted by the mental alertness and attitude of a little girl living near the summer cabin. She is not pretty, but she is smart, and if she has any opportunity at all, she will make something of herself. I have asked Grace to buy her either a coat or a dress, whichever she needs most, as a Christmas gift. The little tad was first endeared to us by gathering wild flowers for Gertrude whenever she had the opportunity.

Our weather has not been bad, a few cold days but not much snow or ice.

Love and best wishes, your brother